**Classrooms to Careers in**

**Education**

**Are you interested in**:

* teaching

Becoming a teacher at Meredith College is a win-win process: you major in the subject you want to teach and then you take courses in the professional teacher licensure program. If you want to teach Art, Dance, Music, Theatre, Health and Physical Education, or Spanish, study in your major will prepare you to understand the content you will teach and your professional education courses will prepare you to teach—including planning and assessing learning activities. You will learn to understand your students and to design instruction for all students. You can begin taking required licensure courses as a sophomore. After taking one Education course, you can apply to the teacher education program.

**Types of jobs:**

* teachers of Art, Dance, Music, Theater, Health and Physical Education, and Spanish are licensed to teach grades K-12.
* teach students at any grade level at public, private, or charter schools.

**Or attend graduate school for**:

* Reading specialist,
* special education,
* academically and intellectually gifted education,
* English as a second language,
* curriculum and instruction specialist,
* school administration (with teaching experience),
* college professor,
* research and evaluation.

**Options for the program**

* Earn a BA majoring in the subject you want to teach. Choose your passion and develop a deep understanding of that discipline.
* Join Meredith Educators. This group organizes speakers and sponsors special activities for students interested in teaching.
* During your first year at Meredith, take the critical thinking seminar called “Education Under Fire!” as an elective. This will give you an opportunity to debate important issues in education and to visit schools.
* Attend, in March, the information session for first year students who are interested in teaching. During your sophomore year, attend the Orientation to Teacher Education.
* Participate in school-based field placements. In all of your required Education courses, you will have a placement in a school. You will tutor students, observe teachers, and have the opportunity as you are ready to teach.
* Teach in a public school during the semester-long student teaching internship.
* Aim for Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society.

**Professional Associations –**

NC Music Teachers Association

Dance Association for NC Educators

NC Theatre Arts Educators

National Art Education Association

NC Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Foreign Language Association of North Carolina

Council for Exceptional Children

National Association for Gifted Children

Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

National Association of Elementary School Principals

National Association of Secondary School Principals

North Carolina Association of Educators

Professional Educators of North Carolina

Kappa Delta Pi

**Career Outlook –**

Kindergarten and Elementary School Teacher, http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/kindergarten-and-elementary-school-teachers.htm

Middle School Teacher, http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/middle-school-teachers.htm

High School Teacher, http://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/high-school-teachers.htm

**Optional Information –**

The faculty and staff in the Department of Education work closely with public school teachers and administrators. This helps us design programs to prepare you for real classrooms. We see you as a future teacher-leader!