

# College Teaching Certificate

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## Department Information

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- **Credential Offered:**  
Certificate (Students enrolled in the CTC program must be concurrently enrolled in a graduate program leading to a degree.)

## Program Description

The College Teaching Certificate (CTC) is a three-semester (9-credit) graduate certificate in pedagogy for NDSU graduate students and individuals with a graduate degree who work on campus. Students study contemporary education research and gain experience in the teaching and learning process through microteaching modules, field experience, peer observations, and a structured practicum.

To be admitted to the program, the applicant must:

1. Be a current degree-seeking student in a graduate program or a NDSU employee with a graduate degree.
2. Submit a completed College Teaching Certificate Application ([https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/gradschool.ndsu.edu/Forms/Student\\_Forms/CTC\\_App\\_.pdf](https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/gradschool.ndsu.edu/Forms/Student_Forms/CTC_App_.pdf)) to the Graduate School.
3. Hold a baccalaureate degree from an educational institution of recognized standing (graduate student) or hold a graduate degree from an educational institution of recognized standing (NDSU employee).
4. At the baccalaureate level, have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all courses of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>The College Teaching Certificate is a three-semester, 9 credit program</b>		
<b>Foundation Courses (choose one)</b>		<b>3</b>
COMM 702	Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences (Fall, annually)	
ENGL 764	Classroom Strategies For TA'S	
HDFS 802	Teaching Developmental Science (Spring every odd year, 2017, 2019, 2021)	
STEM 810	Teaching College Science (Fall, annually)	
<b>Electives (choose one)</b>		<b>3</b>
AHSS 796	Special Topics (Emerging Trends in Teaching and Learning Online-Spring, annually)	
EDUC 728	Instructional Technology for Teaching and Learning (Fall 2017 (Normal rotation less than once per year))	
EDUC 753	Managing/ and Monitoring Learning (Spring, annually)	
EDUC 853	Instructional Methods for Adult Learners	
HDFS 880	Supervision and Teaching Couple and Family Therapy	
STEM 820	STEM Curriculum and Instruction (Spring, every even year (2018, 2020, 2022))	
STEM 840	Designing Technology-infused Learning Environments in Higher Education	
<b>Required Teaching Practicum</b>		<b>3</b>
EDUC 792 or EDUC 892	Specialized Studies for K-12 Teachers (*) Graduate Teaching Experience	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>9</b>

\*Refers to courses cross-listed to be taken under a prefix in the student's major field. For example, a HDFS major would take HDFS 892 and a COMM major would take COMM 792.

This experience requires a minimum of 15 face-to-face teaching hours, with the remaining credit hours to be dedicated to preparing lesson plans, evaluating student data, and developing assessments. The field experience will be designed in consultation with their department and a faculty teaching mentor.

Students will prepare a 2-page field experience proposal for approval from the CTC director during the semester prior to the experience to ensure the practicum meets CTC requirements.

**Notes:**

1. This schedule is subject to change.
2. Every course has an enrollment cap. Please check with the individual course instructors.
3. **Once requirements are completed a student must submit the** Verification of College Teaching Certificate ([https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/gradschool.ndsu.edu/Forms/Student\\_Forms/Verification\\_\\_CTC.pdf](https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/gradschool.ndsu.edu/Forms/Student_Forms/Verification__CTC.pdf)) **form.**