The Office of Teacher Education and its five constituent offices—Professional Development and Student Outreach, Clinical Experiences, Alternative Licensure, Wachovia Partnership East, and NC Teaching Fellows and Maynard Scholars—provide service and support to teacher-education programs housed in five different colleges across campus. With the growing demand for new education professionals for North Carolina’s increasing student population, it is critical we have support to provide programs for recruitment, induction, retention, and renewal of professional educators. In order to accomplish our goals by maintaining strong partnerships with public schools and community colleges, we must have support to enable our candidates to have diverse, real-world settings in which to teach and learn.
SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT SUPPORT

- Scholarships for lateral entry teachers (BA degrees plus teacher licensure)
- Funds for transition to teaching programs like NC TEACH and Troops to Teachers
- Wachovia Partnership East (2+2 degree completion programs)

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS AND FACULTY RESEARCH

- Funds to support research in rural schools through the Rural Education Institute

OUTREACH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Latham Clinical Schools Network Clinical Teacher Conferences (supported by 400+ public school teachers)
- Induction and mentoring of new teachers, face to face and online
- Clinical-teacher training—stipends and materials
- Licensure renewal offerings for public school professionals

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Recruitment programs to build interest in teaching as a profession
- Build interest and support for high-need areas of teaching (special education, math, science, and middle grades)
- Introduce children to the field of education (i.e., Future Teachers of America, Teacher Cadet)
- Pre-college access and awareness—increase college attendance rates of middle and high school students (i.e., Gear Up, AVID)
- Latham Clinical Schools Network (Clinical Teachers stipend and University Supervisor travel expenses)

OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION FACT

Our partnerships have been in existence for more than 12 years, and during this time, we have grown from nine public school partners to 35, added 19 community colleges, and currently serve a wide, diverse region of eastern North Carolina.

For more information, contact the Office of Teacher Education at 252-328-2156, or visit us at www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/teached/Index.cfm.