

Teacher Education Course Fees

Current Fee: \$150 for all undergraduate Intern II courses

Proposed Additional Fee: \$300 for edTPA

Item	Cost (one time)
Clinical Educator Stipend (current)	\$150.00
edTPA (proposed)	300.00
Total	\$450.00

The **Clinical Educator** is the BK-12 host teacher for WCU interns.

edTPA is a performance-based, subject-specific assessment used to emphasize, measure, and support the skills and knowledge that all teachers need from Day 1 in the classroom. In NC, Educator Preparation Programs may adopt edTPA *or* PPAT – a passing score is one of multiple requirements for a teaching license.



Strategic Initiatives

WCU Goal 1.1: Deliver high-quality academic programs that enhance students' intellectual, creative, personal, and social development and prepare them for career fields as well as to advance and excel as 21st century citizens.

WCU Goal 1.5: Expand and support WCU's capacity to serve students and eliminate barriers to program and resource access. **1.5.1:** Expand and enhance networks of regional advisory committees to strengthen communication and collaboration among K-12, community college, and WCU in the areas of 1) curriculum goals and transferability; 2) the importance and value of higher education and the best strategies for marketing and recruiting; and 3) admission and financial aid.

CEAP Goal 1.1: Continue to provide high quality educational programs within the College. **1.1.1:** Increase efforts to recruit, retain, and graduate high quality teachers in all areas with priority given to high needs areas (e.g., EL, STEM, MG, SpEd) ...

Affordability & Fiduciary Responsibility

edTPA is required to pursue teacher licensure in the state of NC.

Our goal is to help students manage the many required costs of becoming a teacher. **During the final two years of teacher preparation, students must pay for a number of required components:**

- Praxis Core (\$240),
- TK20 (assessment management system - \$120),
- Background checks (\$36),
- Licensure exams (\$300-1,100, depending on subject area),
- edTPA (\$300),
- travel costs during year-long internship, and the
- NC licensure fee (\$70).

Having edTPA collected along with tuition during the final semester would allow students to use financial aid and/or scholarships toward this cost.

UNC System Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) & edTPA

A Spring, 2021, survey of all UNC System EPPs yielded results from eleven institutions:

- **5 institutions fully cover the cost of edTPA:** NC State, ECU, UNCA, UNCW, & (currently) WCU
- **4 institutions expect students to cover the cost of edTPA:** A&T, UNCG, Central, & Fayetteville
- **1 institution expects students to partially cover the cost:** UNC Charlotte
- **1 institution has a BOG-approved fee to cover edTPA:** Pembroke (first collected in 2020-21)