

NON-TRADITIONAL ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION

Powered by Forsyth Teacher Academy

INAUGURAL COHORT

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DISCOVER FORSYTH TEACHER ACADEMY

The Forsyth Teacher Academy Alternate Certification Program is a job-embedded, evidence-based program for teacher preparation. We provide qualified candidates with a route to obtain teacher certification in their degree or professional field. Designed as a two-year program, candidates employed by one of our schools will teach with the support of a clinical supervisor, peer coach, and job-alike mentor while completing required courses, attending best practices seminars, and accessing online resources.

APPLY TO FORSYTH TEACHER ACADEMY

Eligible candidates have:

- An offer of employment from FCS as a full-time teacher in a critical shortage area
- Advanced education and experience in their field of expertise
- Knowledge of educator ethics
- Evidence of academic capacity, based on degree GPA and standardized test scores

GROW WITH FORSYTH TEACHER ACADEMY

Candidates grow as teachers by engaging with increasingly complex levels of learning and teaching in the areas of:

- Professional Responsibilities
- Content Knowledge
- Instructional Practice
- Reflective Teaching

Learning in each area supports candidate growth in a unique way, but they are also interconnected. The work done in one supports the other three. They are a vital part of our program of study and give candidates four critical proficiencies of teaching.

SUPPORT PROVIDED BY FORSYTH TEACHER ACADEMY

Our program provides the essential skill training needed for effective teaching.

Our approach includes:

- A clear, relevant Program of Study
- An individualized plan for growth, monitored at transition points using a team approach
- Teaching support provided by a clinical supervisor and a school-based coach/mentor
- Access to district job-alike mentors
- Opportunities to observe model teachers in diverse settings
- Relevant, timely professional learning
- The development of reflective teaching habits

ACHIEVE WITH FORSYTH TEACHER ACADEMY

We believe new teachers positively impact student growth, achievement, and well-being when they possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to inspire students to pursue continuous learning in and out of the classroom.

Our program graduates have fully developed:

- Ethical, professional, and communication skills necessary to positively impact school effectiveness
- Knowledge of the required content
- Sound instructional practices
- Meaningful, actionable habits of reflection leading to deep understanding of diverse learners

Candidates who successfully complete the program and show evidence of teaching proficiency receive Georgia educator certification.

BY THE NUMBERS

Our 2018-19 candidates, by the numbers:

- Special Education teachers (9)
- CTAE teachers (5)
- MS Science teacher (1)

Our candidates are teaching at various FCS schools:

- Cumming ES
- Mashburn ES
- Matt ES
- Sharon ES
- Sawnee ES
- Liberty MS
- Piney Grove MS (2)
- Riverwatch MS
- Central HS
- Denmark HS
- Lambert HS
- North HS
- West HS (2)

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