# Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program
# Fall 2026 Entry
## Certificate – 18 Credit Hours
## Jamestown Campus

The **Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program** requires students to meet pre-screening requirements for entry. This packet will outline the criteria, program coursework, and the application/selection process. The cap for new student enrollment each fall semester is 25, and classes are offered in person and blended. *Please read the contents of this packet carefully and in its entirety as some requirements are time-sensitive.*
**This program admissions process requires <u>two applications;</u> one for the college (see page 2) and a separate application for the Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate program (see page 3)**

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### PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

✓ **Complete the GTCC General Admission/Readmission Process (new and returning students)**
  o **Returning students** - students previously admitted to GTCC and have not been enrolled in courses for more than 12 months.
  o *See page 2 for details on this requirement.*
  o *It is <u>highly recommended</u> to have this step completed by July 17, 2026.*
✓ **Provide evidence of completed bachelor's degree (transcript must be on file in the Admissions Office)**
✓ **Have completed 24 credit hours in General Education coursework**
✓ **Provide evidence of undergraduate 2.7 GPA or higher on 18 of 24 General Education credit hours**
✓ **Demonstrate Mathematics Competency**
  o See page 2 to review options for meeting this requirement
✓ **Must be a U.S. citizen, or eligible for employment**
✓ **Provide a letter of employment or promised placement from the Public School Unit (PSU)/Local Education Agency (LEA)**
✓ **Complete professional development training required by the PSU/LEA**
✓ **Submit the Fall 2025 Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program Application**
  o *Applications are open from <u>February 9, 2026, through July 31, 2026, or until seats are filled, whichever comes first.</u>*
  o *The program will start on August 13, 2026.*
  o *See page 3 for details on application submissions*

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### PROGRAM CURRICULUM OUTLINE

| Fall 2026 | | |
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| EDU 270 | Effective Instructional Environments | 2 credits |
| EDU 272 | Technology, Data, and Assessment | 3 credits |
| EDU 279 | Literacy Development and Instruction | 4 credits |
| **Spring 2027** | | |
| EDU 277 | Integrated Curriculum and Instruction Strategies: Math/Science | 3 credits |
| EDU 278 | Integrated Curriculum and Instruction Strategies: Social Studies/ELA | 3 credits |

| EDU 283 | Educator Preparation Practicum | 3 credits |
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| | **TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATE** | **18 CREDITS** |

## GUIDED ENTRY ADMISSION PROCESS

## GTCC ELEMENTARY EDUCATION RESIDENCY LICENSURE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Complete the GTCC General Admission Process (New and Returning Students).**

- **New and returning GTCC students must complete the GTCC general admission, including the North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS).** To get started, visit https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/apply-now.php
  - **Returning students** - students previously admitted to GTCC and have not been enrolled in courses for more than 12 months
- **Submit official transcripts detailing your complete academic history from each college or university where you have earned college credit to the GTCC Admissions Office.** Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Enrollment Services staff. Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record as appropriate.
  - **Please allow a minimum of TWO WEEKS for evaluation to occur.** This process takes longer near the beginning or end of a semester. Transfer credits from regionally accredited colleges/universities must appear on your GTCC Self-Service transcript in order to be considered for meeting program requirements.
- **Activate your GTCC Titan Account.** You should be able to do this within 3-5 business day of your GTCC Application being accepted.
  - **Need help with this requirement?** For assistance with activating your GTCC Titan Account, you can contact Student Tech Support 1-866-826-3748, https://www.gtcc.edu/help-center/student-tech-support.php#.

**Provide evidence of completion of a bachelor's degree which includes 24 credit hours in General Education coursework and a minimum GPA of 2.7 in 18 of these credit hours.** Official transcripts detailing your complete academic history are required from each college or university where you have earned credit. Your transcript(s) will be evaluated to confirm that you have completed this coursework and have a GPA of 2.7 or higher in 18 of the 24 General Education course credit hours.

**All degrees from institutions outside the United States require evaluation by a recognized credentialing agency to determine U.S. equivalency and transfer credit eligibility.**

**Demonstrate Mathematics Competency**

- **Option 1**: You have completed or received transfer credit for one of the following: MAT 110, MAT 143 (or higher 100 level math) with grade of "B" or higher
- **Option 2**: You have completed or received transfer credit for a 200-level math course with a grade of "C" or higher

**Provide a letter of employment or promised placement from the PSU/LEA.**

- GTCC will accept PSU/LEA letter/promised placement as U.S. citizenship/employment eligibility requirement.

**Complete professional development training required by PSA/LEA.**

- GTCC will accept PSU/LEA letter/promised placement as professional development training requirement.

*SUBMITTING YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION:*

*Once you have completed all of the program admissions requirements, you are ready to submit the Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program Application. Applications will be submitted electronically via the link below from February 9, 2026 – July 31, 2026, or until seats are filled, whichever comes first: You must have an activated GTCC Titan account to access the program application.*


*Fall 2026 Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program Application*


- Only one submission will be permitted for each applicant.
- It is critical that you check your Student Planning account to confirm that all coursework is accounted for, including transfer credits. This is how your General Education coursework and minimum GPA requirements will be confirmed.
- **It is important to make sure all requirements are met BEFORE submitting your program application.**

## PROGRAM APPLICANT SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

- Approximately one to two weeks after program application submission, applicants to the *Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program Application* will be notified of their admission status via a letter sent to their GTCC email.
- Selected applicants must either accept or decline a seat in the program by returning their *Intent to Enroll Form* within 5 calendar days of the date on the acceptance letter. **Applicants who accept a seat in the *Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program* will be required to complete the Mandatory Online Success Seminar and register for courses by the date indicated in the Intent to Enroll Form**.
- All applicants who are not offered a seat in the program may complete program admissions requirements to be considered for Fall 2027 entry to the *Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program*.

# PROGRAM ADVISING/REGISTRATION, AND ENROLLMENT

Once a seat in a program of study is accepted, the student will then register for the Online Success Seminar.

A student who enrolls in first-semester classes for the program and withdraws from the program must complete the entire program admission process if he/she wishes to apply for a future program entry.

*The GTCC Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program Guided Entry Process is not to be regarded as a contract between GTCC and students. GTCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements with adequate notice and minimum disruption to students.*

## Important Notes to Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program Applicants

Program faculty reserves the right to revise or change course requirements in accordance with applicable state laws, college requirements, accreditation standards, and/or at the discretion of the faculty. By accepting admission into the program, students agree to, at all times, abide by the program requirements and procedures as set forth in the Student Handbook and the respective course syllabus issued at the beginning of each term for each course. The student is bound by such requirements and procedures regardless of whether they were established before or after the date of enrollment in the program. Changes made after the handbook's publication will be posted as an addendum.

**GTCC's Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program is approved by the State Board of the North Carolina Community College System and the North Carolina State Board of Education.**

**If You Have Questions about the Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program Guided Entry Admission Process, please contact:**
**Guided Entry Programs Office**
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**If You Have Questions about the Elementary Education Residency Licensure Certificate Program, please contact:**
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