

# THE PURSUIT INSTITUTE



## EDUCATION

### EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

The Teacher Apprenticeship program is an innovative approach to teacher preparation that offers aspiring educators hands-on experience in real classrooms. Students, or apprentices, are carefully selected and paired with experienced mentor teachers who guide and support them throughout the program. The apprentices gradually assume more teaching responsibilities, gaining practical experience alongside their coursework. This immersive, reflective, and practical approach helps them develop the skills and knowledge needed to become effective teachers. Students will complete 15 credit hours of college coursework from Ball State in an online, synchronous format with college professors. Credit applies directly to a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, reducing program completion time by at least one semester, with thousands of hours of relevant classroom experience. Students earn a wage while they are learning, making the attainment of a teaching degree cost-effective. Registered Apprenticeship Program requires additional application and interview process with participating employers.

#### Program Hosts:



**BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Teachers College

YOUR PATH.  
YOUR CAREER.  
YOUR PURSUIT.

### ▶ YEAR ONE

M-F, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

#### PRINCIPLES

**Principles of Teaching**  
1 Year, 2 Credits

#### CONCENTRATOR A

**Child and Adolescent Development**  
1 Year, 2 Credits

#### CONCENTRATOR B

**Teaching and Learning**  
1 Year, 2 Credits

### ▶ YEAR TWO

M-F, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

#### CAPSTONE

**Education Professions Capstone**  
1 Year, 6 Credits

This program is in-person and online. Employer location is dependent on participating schools. Students will be interviewed prior to placement in course to ensure appropriate placement.

# CURRICULUM

## Principles of Teaching (7161)

This course provides a general introduction to the field of teaching. Students will explore educational careers, teaching preparation, and professional expectations as well as requirements for teacher certification. Current trends and issues in education will be examined. A minimum 20-hour classroom observation experience is required for successful completion of this course. Taught through Ball State University as EDEL 100.

## Child and Adolescent Development (7157)

Child and Adolescent Development examines the physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and moral development of the child from birth through adolescence with a focus on the middle years through adolescence. Basic theories of child development, biological and environmental foundations of development, and the study of children through observation and interviewing techniques are explored. The influence of parents, peers, the school environment, culture, and the media are discussed. An observation experience up to 20 hours may be required for completion of this course. This course has been approved to be offered for dual credit. Students pursuing this course for dual credit are still required to meet the minimum prerequisites for the course and pass the course with a C or better for dual credit to be awarded. Taught through Ball State University as EDPS 250.

## Teaching and Learning (7162)

Teaching and Learning provides students the opportunity to apply many of the concepts that they have learned throughout the Education Professions pathway. In addition to a focus on best practices, this course will provide an introduction to the role that technology plays in the modern classroom. Through hands-on experience with educational software, utility packages, and commonly used microcomputer hardware, students will analyze ways to integrate technology as a tool for instruction, evaluation, and management. Taught through Ball State as EDTE 250.

## Education Professions Capstone (7267)

The Education Professions Capstone provides an extended opportunity for field experience to further apply concepts that have been presented throughout the pathway. Students will also have the opportunity to explore the topics of the exceptional child and literacy development through children's literature. Students will gain a deeper understanding of inclusive teaching techniques along with policies, theories, and laws related to special education. Students interested in pursuing a career in Elementary Education are encouraged to also study the benefits of using children's literature in the classroom. This course may be further developed to include specific content for students interested in pursuing a career in secondary education. The course should include a significant classroom observation and assisting experience. Taught through Ball State as SPCE 201 and EDRD 204.

### Dual Credit:

Dual credit is offered through Ball State University. Students will earn college credit in the following courses: Ball State EDEL 100, Ball State EDPS 250, Ball State EDTE 250, Ball State EDRD 203 and SPCE 201. Student will earn 9 credit hours in year 1 and 6 credit hours in year 2.

### Certifications:

Students will have the opportunity to earn the following certifications: First Aid and CPR, Working with Unaccompanied Minors, Suicide Prevention, OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens, and ParaPro+.

### Employment:

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a paid work experience starting in the first year and will earn while they learn. Students will be placed at multiple employer locations throughout the community based on location.

### Apprenticeship:

This program is a Registered Apprenticeship Program with the Department of Labor.

The Pursuit Institute (TPI) prepares Hamilton County students for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, and in-demand careers. We provide robust Career and Technical Education Programs that ensure students have clear connections from the classroom to career. TPI programs position students to be successful in their future and contribute to their families, the community and local economy. Students have the opportunity to gain transferable skills, certifications, dual credit and to demonstrate learning in real-life settings, while meeting new demands in today's rapidly changing workplace for our employer partners. In partnership with schools, we create a talent pipeline of skilled and credentialed students.

***Please contact your counselor for more information or to enroll in the program.***

