University of North Dakota
Elementary Education Resident Teacher Program
2020-2021

The Resident Teacher Program of the College of Education and Human Development, University of North Dakota and the Grand Forks Public Schools provide a group of beginning teachers (residents) support as they enter teaching at the elementary level. Residents have an opportunity to earn a Master of Education in Elementary Education through UND coursework and teaching in the Grand Forks Public Schools.

Resident Teachers

Each resident teacher assumes full responsibility of an elementary classroom and must be certified to teach in North Dakota. Resident teachers earn stipends and a waiver of university tuition for a portion of work toward the master’s degree. This is a 15-credit waiver for the 32-credit degree. Residents are also responsible for university fees and books each semester. Resident teachers enroll in graduate courses during the summer prior to assuming teaching responsibilities and may complete their degree the following summer.

Resident Mentors

Experienced resident mentors from the Grand Forks Public Schools enhance the Resident Teacher Program. These mentors coach the residents in self-identified areas for growth in teaching and work with the university faculty in development of curriculum for teacher education. The resident mentors offer consultation, demonstration teaching, feedback, and support to the resident teachers.

University Advisor

The university advisor represents the University of North Dakota’s interests in the Resident Teacher Program. This individual advises the residents and links them to services of the University of North Dakota. The university advisor also offers the resident mentors consultation and support both at the University and in the Grand Forks Public Schools.

Resident Teacher Application Requirements

To qualify as a resident teacher, the following conditions must be met:

1. Complete an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education, Early Childhood, or Middle Level before residency begins.
2. Qualify for elementary certification in North Dakota. This includes having passing scores on the Praxis I and II (PPST) tests.
3. Cannot have held a teaching contract.
4. Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0.
5. Be available for graduate study during the summer sessions prior to and following the elementary classroom residency.
6. Participate in an April 2020 interview if selected.

There are two components for applying to the Resident Teacher Program. Submit a letter of interest and resume to Dr. Bonni Gourneau and apply for online admission and obtain acceptance to the School of Graduate Studies at UND: http://graduateschool.und.edu/

Prior to March 16, 2020 submit the resume and letter of interest to: Dr. Bonni Gourneau, College of Education & Human Development, 231 Centennial Drive, Box #7189, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND 58202.

Graduate School On-Line Application Process

Apply for admission to the Elementary Education, M. Ed. Master Degree and obtain acceptance to the School of Graduate Studies at the University of North Dakota preferably prior to March 16, 2020. The admission application is found on the School of Graduate Studies website: http://graduateschool.und.edu/graduate-students/new/admissions-domestic.cfm

Start by creating a My GradSpace Account.

The application process includes:

1. Application for Graduate Admission.
2. Three letters of recommendation, including one from a student teaching cooperating teacher, one from a university professor, and one of your choice.
4. Official transcripts of all attempted work.
5. $35 application fee.