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Exceptional Children Concentration to Be Offered in Spring 2018

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University has finalized plans to provide select education students with a new program concentration option. The School of Education recently developed an Exceptional Children (EC) concentration, which will be offered to elementary education majors beginning next spring.

photo of a child with paint on his hands

“The average child no longer exists in today’s classroom,” shared Dr. Jason Parker, associate dean of GWU School of Education. “This program concentration option will help our elementary education graduates be more effective in meeting the needs of diverse learners.”

The 14-credit-hour concentration will allow candidates to expand their existing knowledge of teaching by participating in varied clinical experiences in which theory is integrated with practice. Courses in the concentration include Critical Components of Special Education, Specially-Designed Instruction for Exceptional Learners, Communication and Collaboration with Stakeholders, and Providing Instruction: Continuum of Alternative Exceptional Children Placements.

“EC teacher vacancies are among the highest need areas in schools,” Parker added. “Adding the Exceptional Children concentration is a way for Gardner-Webb to help school systems place quality teachers in classrooms.”

For more information about the new concentration in Exceptional Children, contact Dr. Jason Parker, associate dean of the School of Education, at 704-406-3890 or jlparker@gardner-webb.edu.

The mission of the Exceptional Children Division of Public Schools of North Carolina is to ensure that students with disabilities develop intellectually, physically, emotionally, and vocationally through the provision of an appropriate individualized education program in the least restrictive environment.

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