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GWU College of Education Waives GRE or MAT Scores for National Board Certified Teachers

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Applications Now Being Accepted for Fall 2021 Doctoral Programs in Leadership and Curriculum

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Educators who have completed National Board Certification are leaders in their field. In recognition of this achievement, Gardner-Webb University College of Education will waive GRE or MAT scores for National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) applying to GWU's Doctor of Education programs in Educational Leadership (EDLS) and Curriculum and Instruction (EDCI).

National Board Certification is a voluntary advanced professional certification for pre-kindergarten through 12-grade educators that identifies teaching expertise and excellence through a performance-based, peer-reviewed assessment. The NBCT process helps teachers improve their practice, showcase their talent in the classroom and demonstrate their dedication to their students and their profession.

A survey of admission requirements for Doctor of Education programs at other universities found that Gardner-Webb is the only one accepting National Board Certification in lieu of the GRE or MAT.



Dr. Jennifer Putnam

“The College of Education recognizes and values NBCTs and the rigorous process they went through to earn the certification,” observed Dr. Jennifer Putnam, associate dean for Graduate Programs in the GWU College of Education and EDCI program coordinator. “NBCTs have proven that they can conduct action research; they are strong writers; they are proven leaders in their schools and districts; and they are reflective practitioners. All of these qualities are ones that we value in our doctoral candidates.”

The EDLS degree at Gardner-Webb is designed for potential and practicing educational leaders who wish to develop and refine their leadership skills in complex organizations. The program seeks to

equip candidates with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and beliefs that will enable them to function effectively in leadership roles in a fluctuating environment.

The EDCI degree prepares learners to become instructional leaders, who will create and strategically manage processes related to curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Students deepen their knowledge and understanding of educational practices and acquire tools needed to provide professional leadership in curriculum, teacher education, program evaluation, family and community engagement, and professional learning in the schools.

Applications are now being accepted for fall 2021. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

Located in the North Carolina foothills, Gardner-Webb University is a private, Christian, liberal arts university. Gardner-Webb emphasizes a strong student-centered experience and rigorous academics to prepare students to become effective leaders within the global community. Ignite your future at Gardner-Webb.edu.

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