



**Through our partnership,**  
we will create a pipeline of  
exceptional teachers who serve  
rural communities in North Carolina.

**A partnership among the NC State College of Education, Johnston County Public Schools, Johnston Community College and North Carolina Community College System will change the way we attract, support and prepare teachers.**

Rather than establishing a traditional 2-plus-2 transfer program, we are taking an innovative approach that identifies future teachers as early as high school to begin a dual enrollment program that leads to an Associate Degree in Teaching. Students will then continue through the NC State College of Education’s teacher preparation program that will incorporate multiple field experiences based in Johnston County. In addition, throughout the dual enrollment program, the NC State College of Education will be involved in academic advising, co-teaching, synchronous classroom experiences and on-campus enrichment opportunities to ensure students participate in a guided pathway that aligns with the NC State College of Education’s courses of study. With such a “wrap around” approach, we will create a seamless pathway that identifies promising students early and prepares them to teach in rural communities.



**Collaborative**

Four institutions partnering to seamlessly prepare teachers who fill critical needs



**Enriched Learning**

Incorporating enrichment opportunities based in Johnston County throughout the program



**Guided Pathway**

A “wrap around approach” that aligns with NC State College of Education’s course of study

# We will leverage the strengths of each partner to create a seamless teacher education pathway through the dual enrollment Associate Degree in Teaching program.



## Johnston Community College/N.C. Community Colleges

- > Will build on existing tuition free dual enrollment programs such as Career and College Promise and Cooperative Innovative High Schools
- > Will align associate degree with four to six teacher licensure degrees offered at NC State
  - Elementary Education
  - Mathematics Education (middle and secondary)
  - Technology Education (middle and secondary)
  - Middle Grades English Languages Arts and Social Studies
  - English (secondary)
  - Agriculture Education (middle and secondary)
- > Will allow students access as early as the ninth grade to pathway opportunities



## Johnston County Public Schools

- > Will support various on-ramping through the Early College Academy and Teacher Academy at Smithfield Selma High School
- > Will provide summer internships through the Teacher Academy
- > Will target dual language students who aspire to teach along the I-95 corridor
- > Will create a cohort for Teaching Academy students in partnership with Johnston Community College and NC State
- > Will provide student cohort with exclusive professional development around personalized competency-based education (PCBE)
- > Will use opportunities to combine learning experiences with the school leadership cohort part of the NC State College of Education



## NC State College of Education

- > Will create a portal that feeds from a community college into the N.C. Teaching Fellows program
- > Will leverage Community College Collaboration (C3) infrastructure
- > Will have dedicated personnel, including a full-time graduate assistant and dedicated academic advisor
- > Will develop Johnston County-based field experiences that includes all 200 and 300-course-related field experiences and student teaching
- > Will develop enrichment opportunities housed at Johnston Community College to provide on-site Professional Growth Units (PGUs)