



University of North Carolina Wilmington
Watson College of Education
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

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Dear Professional Development System Partner,

We are pleased to announce UNCW's Watson College of Education Professional Development System Office plans to continue its *Master Teacher Program* during the 2018-2021 partnership cycle. The PDS Master Teacher Program is a three year initiative that serves to highlight and strengthen the extraordinary work of our partnership teachers and WCE faculty. The mission of the Master Teacher Program is to collaborate with P-12 professional educators to reflect on current practices and impact the educational environment by:

- Creating a safe, comfortable, and nurturing environment where all children can learn
- Making decisions based on what is best for all students
- Engaging children in interesting and meaningful ways
- Fostering the "whole" child to build connections that address their social, emotional and physical needs
- Reflecting on current and past practices to continually improve the learner's experience

Believing that all students can learn, Master Teachers provide:

- Opportunity – to learn, explore, face challenges
- Inspiration – to create, design, discover
- Encouragement – to try again, do their best, do it better, work harder, never give-up
- Connections – to the world beyond the classroom and community
- Nurturing relationships – with a caring adult
- Cooperative engagement – to work with peers, challenge others, evaluate learning

As members of this unique group, Master Teachers take part in over 30 hours of face-to-face professional development with WCE faculty Master Teacher Associates (MTAs) on topics designated by Master Teachers and their faculty partners. In addition, Master Teachers collaborate with MTAs to design and implement one or more professional growth or enrichment opportunities in their classrooms, school or district. Growth opportunities are decided upon by Master Teachers and MTAs and may include action research, designing professional development, and co-planning coursework, to name a few. In addition, Master Teachers serve as mentors to WCE beginning teacher Promise of Leadership (POL) Award recipients. MTs provide guidance to POL teachers as they design professional development for other BTs, and, in year three of the cohort, POL recipients join MT/MTA collaborations to enhance the enrichment and growth opportunities taking place. Finally, Master Teachers may be called upon to host more intensive field components, provide lesson demonstrations to WCE classes, serve as guest speakers or panelists at select WCE events, and/or serve as an Advisory Board member to the PDS Office or Dean.

The PDS Office invites both WCE faculty and school partners to nominate P-12 teachers to take part in this unique opportunity. To do so, please complete the attached Nominee Information form and include a letter of support. To complete the nomination, we must receive a letter of interest from the nominated teacher. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Somer Lewis, PDS Director, at lewiss@uncw.edu or 910-962-7244. Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration with the Watson College of Education!

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PDS Master Teacher Program
Nomination Information

Master Teachers represent a select cadre of educators who model what WCE and PDS partners believe to be good teaching and can coach other educators towards teaching in ways that are mutually meaningful for teachers and students.

- Master Teacher nominees must have completed three full years of classroom teaching in a PDS Partnership District, have served as a WCE Partnership Teacher, and are willing to participate in the opportunities stated below. Master Teachers commit to three years of participation in the Master Teacher Program, will receive an annual \$500 stipend, and will engage in various opportunities for professional growth and enrichment.
- Complete nomination packets, which include General Nominee Information (page three), an attached letter of support from the nominator, and an attached letter of interest from the nominee, should be emailed or faxed to Candace Blanke, PDS Administrative Associate blankek@uncw.edu or 910.962.7400, no later than **November 27, 2018**.
- The table below outlines a Master Teacher’s annual commitment.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Master Teacher Meetings (x2, due to hurricane) to include professional development focused on teacher leadership • Possibility of hosting intensive field components, provide lesson demonstrations to WCE classes, serve as guest speakers or panelists at select WCE events, and/or serve as an Advisory Board member to the PDS Office or Dean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Master Teacher Meetings (x4) • School release time for beginning teacher POL support, at the discretion of the principal • Partnership with faculty MTA, identify area of interest, design and implement professional growth or enrichment opportunity • Possibility of hosting intensive field components, provide lesson demonstrations to WCE classes, serve as guest speakers or panelists at select WCE events, and/or serve as an Advisory Board member to the PDS Office or Dean. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evening Master Teacher Meetings (x4) • School release time for beginning teacher POL support, at the discretion of the principal • Partnership with faculty MTA, identify area of interest, design and implement professional growth or enrichment opportunity • Possibility of hosting intensive field components, provide lesson demonstrations to WCE classes, serve as guest speakers or panelists at select WCE events, and/or serve as an Advisory Board member to the PDS Office or Dean.

For more information on the PDS Master Teacher Program, please access our website:
<https://www.uncw.edu/ed/pds/masterteacher.html>



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Master Teacher General Nominee Information

Name _____ Teaching Position _____

School District _____ School _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Professional Email _____

Years of Experience _____

Degrees/Licenses Currently Held _____

Institutions Attended _____

Please attach a letter of support for this nominee, as well as a letter of interest from the teacher. Letters might address the nominee's unique qualifications for participation in the PDS Master Teacher Program, specifically how his/her practice and impact on the educational environment align with the mission and core beliefs of the Master Teacher Program outlined on page one.

Name of Nominator _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher Nominee Signature _____ Date _____

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blancec@uncw.edu or 910.962.7400, no later than **November 27, 2018**.