Mathematics Teacher Education Programs

December 2024

Beating the Burnout!

As finals week is approaching, it is important to *set aside time for yourself* and practice stress management. There are several opportunities on campus in December to do so!

- **December 5th: Dogs and Donuts** - This event will be hosted by NHS in the Ross Hall Courtyard from 8:30 am – 10:00 am. All are welcome!
- **December 8th: Stress Less Fest** - Join the Office of Health Promotion for crafts, coloring, giveaways, and more! Bring a friend and relax before finals week between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm

For more opportunities all year long, be sure to follow @UNCO_OHP and @UNCO_UPC on Instagram!

Future Teacher Club, Spring 2025

UNC's Future Teacher Club has a lot of events in motion for next semester, including professional development/workshops, social events, and volunteer opportunities. These are all great opportunities to build community among fellow education majors here at UNC, develop as a future educator yourself, and begin making connections within schools. Be sure to follow them on Instagram at @UNCO_FutureTeacherClub to stay up to date!

UNC Scholarship Application

Remember that UNC offers a wide variety of scholarship opportunities for which current students are eligible to apply. The scholarship application is open and is due in **February**. Some scholarships have earlier application dates than others, so be sure to check the deadlines for any specific scholarships that you may be applying to! The earlier you apply, the more opportunities you have to receive scholarships!

You have to reapply each year to be considered for new scholarships!

Student Teaching for Fall 2025

For those that plan to student teach in the Fall of 2025, your student teaching application will be due on **Friday, February 14th.** Dr. Powers will sign off as your content advisor.

Praxis Info

- To become licensed by the Colorado Department of Education, future teachers need to pass the appropriate Praxis exam. To **send your scores to UNC**, **use** the code **4074** when taking the exam. You are given 180 minutes (3 hours) to complete 66 questions (not all questions are scored the same). Each attempt costs $130 but you can take it as many times as necessary. You must have taken the Praxis before **STEP 363 and passed before STEP 464** (Student Teaching).
- **Versions and Passing Scores**
    - Secondary Math Teachers (7-12) need to take **Praxis 5165** and get a score of **159 to pass**.
    - Middle School Math Teachers (6-8) need to take **Praxis 5164** and get a score of **157 to pass**

Office Hours

Mentoring Hours (ROSS 2230B):
- **Monday:**   3:30 - 4:30 pm
- **Tuesday:**   8:00 - 9:00 am
- **Wednesday:** 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- **Thursday:**   3:30 - 4:30 pm
- **Friday:**   2:30 - 3:30 pm

Praxis Prep Sessions (ROSS 2230G):
- **Monday:**   2:30 - 3:30 pm
- **Wednesday:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- **Thursday:**   8:00 - 9:00 am

Hear From Your Peers!

What was one of your favorite parts of the Fall semester?

"Being in classes with many of my friends" - Savannah O.

"Watching the Broncos be good at football again" - Brody A.

What is something that you are looking forward to in the Spring semester?

"Getting back into practicum" - Joca. V.G.

"Having a new schedule" - Theo A.

Practice Praxis Problems

Question 1:

Discuss and differentiate between the qualities of quadrilaterals, kites, and trapezoids.

Question 2:

Use informal reasoning to justify the statement "If n is a whole number, then $n^2 + n + 1$ is odd." Explain the reasoning steps used.

Come to Office Hours to get the solutions!