

Mathematics Teacher Education Programs



November 2024



Prepare for Spring Registration!

Spring registration is approaching! Undergraduate registration opens on **November 11th**! Before registering, you **MUST** meet with your academic advisor (check Degree Works) to get your pin for registration. You **CAN NOT** register without your pin! Your date to register can also be found in URSA, in the Student tab under registration information. If you need any help for registration, you can ask the peer mentors, your advisor, Dr. Reiten, or Dr. Powers.

Registration Advice from Peers:

- Register early! Classes can fill up quickly so it is important to register as soon as possible to get into the classes that you need to!
- Talk with your advisor as soon as you notice a problem. Sometimes classes are held at conflicting times and your advisor can work with you to determine the best course of action. For example, determining whether a substitution or rearranging your degree plan is needed.

STEP 262 in Spring '25 or '26?

While there is no Canvas checkpoint for STEP 262, you still have to complete the placement survey in order to be paired with a mentor teacher for your observations. The placement survey was sent out by **Dr. Reiten** (click [here](#)) and needs to be completed by **November 15th**! If you do not complete this survey **ON TIME**, you will not be placed for STEP 262 for **Spring 2025**.

If you are stepping out and will be completing STEP 262 in **Spring 2026**, you need to complete this [form](#) instead.

Office of Health Promotion

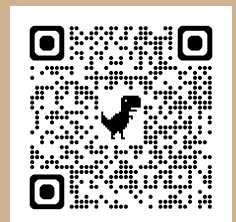
A free resource on Campus providing wellness education about responsible substance use, mental health resources, and comprehensive sexual health education including resources to prevent substance overdose and safe-sex practices. They have bimonthly events during the semester!

- **November 6th: Gratitude** - Learn about gratitude journaling and how practicing gratitude can benefit your happiness and mental health.
- **November 20th: Stress Management** - Join in activities to reduce stress and get yourself ready for finals. Games, snacks, and fun!

UNC Scholarship Application

UNC offers a wide variety of scholarship opportunities for which current students are eligible to apply. The scholarship application opens on **November 1st** this year and is due in **February**. Some scholarships have earlier application dates than others, so the earlier you apply the more opportunities you have to receive scholarships!

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



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**
- **MOCK Praxis Tests!**
 - There will be **TWO** scaled mock Praxis test sessions this semester. The scaled versions of the test are designed to be completed within an hour and have similar types of problems that you would see on the Praxis. There is a secondary and middle school version of each of the tests. They will be held on **Monday, November 11th from 2:30 - 3:30 pm** and **Thursday, November 13th from 8:00 - 9:00 am**.

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

Future Teacher Club: Resume Workshop with Guest Speaker

The FTC is working with **Kristina Crain, the Human Resources Director of District 6**, to host a Resume Workshop! She has invited school administrators from the district who will give professional insight on building your resume, being a successful interviewee, and how to approach hiring fairs (like the **K12 Educator Employment Day** taking place at UNC on November 14th). The resume workshop will be held in the **Spruce Suites at the UC from 5:30 - 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 7th**. Anyone and everyone is welcome! Remember, it is never too early to begin planning for your career!

Practice Praxis Problems

Question 1:

Discuss conic sections and illustrate how each is related to a cone.

Question 2:

Explain the terms inscribed and circumscribed as they relate to circles.

Come to Office Hours to get the solutions!