Mathematics Teacher Education Programs

November 2025

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!
- 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 '26 or '27?

If you have taken or are currently taking STEP 161, you should have completed one of two surveys based on your plans for taking STEP 262 sent to you by **Dr. Reiten**. These forms were to be completed by **October 31st.** If you missed the emails, please complete the following survey *today.*

- [Placement Survey for STEP 262 in Spring 2026](#)
- [STEP out survey for STEP 262 in Spring 2027](#)

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! *(Note: Several scholarships are specifically offered for students majoring in mathematics or secondary teaching. That's **you**!)*

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 (6-12) 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!**
  - You peer mentors are organizing *new* scaled practice Praxis tests. On top of the 66-question practice tests, we will have a **1-hour version** of the Middle School and Secondary tests. Stop by our mentoring hours to get a copy and talk about Praxis prep!

Mentor Hours and Praxis Prep Sessions

Mentoring Hours (ROSS 2230B):
- **Maria**:
  - **Wednesday:** 4pm - 5pm
  - **Friday:** 4pm - 5pm
- **Dylan**:
  - **Monday:** 1pm - 2pm
  - **Wednesday:** 1pm - 2pm
  - **Thursday:** 12pm - 1pm

Praxis Prep Sessions (ROSS 2230G):

- **Monday:** 4pm - 5pm (with **Maria**)

- **Tuesday:** 2pm - 3pm (with **Dylan**)

Upcoming Events

- **Future Teacher Club**
  - On Wednesday, **November 5th at 5:30 pm**, FTC will hold a "professional portfolio" event in McKee 219. There will be principals of local school districts offering resume and interview tips, a photographer offering free professional headshots, and more! This is a great opportunity to consider *regardless* of where you are in the program.
- **Mathematical Sciences Club**
  - Meets **every Friday from 1:25 - 2:15** pm in **Ross Hall 2060**! Free pizza, interesting puzzles and games, and a great opportunity to meet peers and faculty interested in math sciences!
- **Office of Health Promotion**
  - **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!

Practice Praxis Problems

Question 1:
Define the following geometric terms: transversal, bisector, and perpendicular bisector.

Question 2:
Produce two *different* quadratic equations with the solutions $x=4$ and $x=-6$. Describe how they differ.

Come to Mentor Hours to get the solutions!