

PASSPORT TO SUCCESS!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Passport to Success?

The Passport to Success Program is an academic enrichment and student engagement program that enables teacher education students to design targeted “outside of the classroom” experiences that enhance what they learn in the classroom. The program was designed in alignment with the NC Professional Teaching Standards and is focused on four key themes: **Global Knowledge, Community Engagement, Cross Cultural Skills** and **Professional Development**. Ultimately, the objective is for NC State teacher education majors to graduate with a more comprehensive learning experience that better prepares them for 21st century classrooms.

Why should I participate in this program?

Students who participate will engage in high-impact, unique co-curricular activities (such as community service, study abroad, undergraduate research, career preparation workshops, cross-cultural experiences, etc.) that enhance their learning in the classroom and provide opportunities for personal and professional growth. The Passport to Success program encourages participants to develop leadership, professionalism, global awareness, cultural competency and community awareness skills that are sought-after in today’s job market.

What are the benefits of participation?

Students will:

- Participate in special “Passport Scholar” activities that will enable them to grow professionally and personally.
- Be assigned a Passport Mentor and Passport Peer who will be a source of support and encouragement throughout the program.
- Receive a Passport to Success honorary cord to wear at graduation upon completion of the program, along with recognition during the graduation ceremony.

What are the requirements to complete the program?

To attain the Passport Scholar designation, students must complete 12 or more experiences in total. Students will need to complete one signature experience per theme. The Passport website lists various activities and signature experiences from which students can choose. Students can design their own experience and consult with their mentor for approval. You have plenty of choices!

Can I still participate if I am a transfer student?

Yes! The Passport program requires that students complete 12 experiences and is designed to be completed in about 1.5 to 2 years. Transfer students can still participate.

Who can apply?

Teacher education majors in the College of Education, CHASS, and CALS can apply. The program is best suited for those who have 1.5-2 years left before graduation to ensure there is time to complete the program. Students would need a minimum of a 2.75 GPA in order to apply.

How do I apply?

To apply, students should complete the application online and submit one letter of recommendation. The Fall 2019 application deadline will be **October 23**. The application can be found on the Passport CED website at www.ced.ncsu.edu/passport. Students will be notified in November if they have been selected.

Who do I see with questions?

Please feel free to contact Dr. Tiffany Wiggins, Director of Student Success via email at tswiggin@ncsu.edu.