



NC RTT-ELC

January 2015 Spotlight

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Online Master's Degree and Scholarship in Early Childhood Education Leadership and Management now available!

As part of the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant, North Carolina identified the need for the development of an advanced degree in early childhood leadership and management. Directors of programs serving young children as well as community agency leaders who work on behalf of young children have long expressed a desire to learn more about leading and managing early childhood programs. It was also clear that the need was statewide and that offerings had to meet the need for flexibility of program leaders.

North Carolina's Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant is supporting the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) in offering a new emphasis in their early childhood online master's degree programs. UNCG is offering an online M.Ed. with an emphasis in Early Childhood Leadership and Program Administration (<http://ses.uncg.edu/academic-program-areas/mastereducation-bk-ised>), and UNCW is offering an online M. Ed. with an emphasis in Leadership, Policy, and Advocacy in Early Childhood (<http://www.uncw.edu/ed/el/ec/students.html>).

These two programs are now available and accessible statewide and offer early childhood professionals the next step in pursuing a career in leadership and management. Both universities have experienced very high interest and enrollment in these new degree programs. Additional information can be found on the [RTT-ELC grant website](#).

In partnership with the RTT-ELC grant, Child Care Services Association has launched its T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarship that provides support to students enrolled in the new online master's degree programs. More information about the scholarships can be found at: <http://www.childcareservices.org/ps/teach-nc/>.

Coming Soon: Spring 2015 Webinar Series

We are pleased to announce a second webinar series featuring North Carolina's RTT-ELC grant projects. The webinar series will be available this spring. If you have suggestions for topics, please email us at: earlylearningchallenge@dhhs.nc.gov. The Fall 2014 Webinar Series is available on the [RTT-ELC website](#).

Have You Seen This? The ELC TA Website Provides Useful Resources

The ELC TA Program maintains the [Communities 360 Public Domain Clearinghouse](#): a one-stop portal/site which provides access to resources and knowledge to benefit RTT-ELC grantees, those supporting the Grantees and others in the field of Early Learning.

Resources on the site include information about the RTT-ELC program, copies of the 2013 Annual Performance Reports (APRs), State Grantee profiles, as well as topical pages on Comprehensive Assessment Systems, Sustainability, Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (TQRIS), and Communications. This Public Domain Clearinghouse contains a rich compilation of resources relevant to building early childhood systems.

Federal RTT-ELC Year 2 Progress Report

A new report released by the U.S. Secretaries of Education and Health and Human Services details progress from 14 states that were awarded Race to the Top- Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC) grants in 2012 and 2013. North Carolina's work is highlighted in the report. [View the report here.](#)

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