



FURMAN

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EDUCATION

TEACHING FELLOWS

Furman University is one of only eleven institutions in the state identified as a Teaching Fellow Institution. A scholarship program for qualified South Carolina high school students who wish to teach in South Carolina's public schools, the program provides a \$24,000 scholarship/loan for 200 outstanding high school seniors each year.



FURMAN TF PROGRAM, ITS OWN

With a maximum cohort of 12 Teaching Fellows each year, close knit small groups meet weekly with Martha Shaleuly, director for the TF program. With a cross section of ages and interests, students in Music and HES (Health, Exercise Science), K-12 certifiers, meet with those who study Secondary and Elementary education. By reading books, discussing movies, hearing guest speakers in an informal class atmosphere, the Fellows experience enhances their education and aids in developing the skills of leaders who will make the changes that education is demanding. Juniors attend and often present at professional conferences and sophomores use summer experiences to do independent research on topics of interest. A close group, they also meet informally in the home of the Campus Director for meals and socializing. They give service hours as tutors for high-risk high school students through the Bridges for a Brighter Future program here at Furman.



THE DIFFERENCE

Furman's unique five-year program is available to Elementary and Secondary certifiers with the exception of Music and HES programs that remain 4 years. With the option of a Master's Degree, the fifth year is a paid internship and full time teaching opportunity that carries supervision through the first year in the classroom. These students graduate in four years with a degree in Education but certification is completed in the fifth year. The masters programs presently include Early Childhood and Special Education, Literacy, and TESOL (Teaching English to speakers of other languages).

STUDENT SUPPORT

Fellows share journals as they begin to make the transitions of a college freshman, learning about their strengths and weaknesses, as they prepare to be the educators of tomorrow. The Director of TF serves as a second academic advisor for all Fellows, helping majors to have a stronger link to the education department and/or content areas in which they certify. A full time person assists students completing requirements for SC certification and all students are eligible for academic assistance when needed.

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ACCREDITATION

The Department of Education at Furman is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Students who satisfactorily complete requirements for certification become eligible for a teaching certificate in SC and other states with reciprocal arrangements.

DIVERSITY

Fellows work throughout their training with children from diverse cultures, varied experiences and all socio-economic levels. They spend time in classrooms with students who are challenged by the English language, the struggles of poverty, crisis, and learning differences. Furman prepares scholars and leaders to have a voice in education, a voice Susan Graham describes in Teacher Magazine (May, 2007) as growing, growing in expertise, in sophistication and intensity.

"You become... That's why it doesn't often happen to people who break easily or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept." The Velveteen Rabbit