

The **Certificate of Accomplishment in Teaching (CoAT)** in *Professional Writing* program is part of the Preparing Future Leaders initiative sponsored by the Graduate School. The CoAT program offers graduate students a chance to demonstrate their commitment to teaching excellence through training, evaluation, and recognition. Through critical reflection and application, participants learn the fundamental components of pedagogy, enriching their personal growth and professional development in teaching and learning.

The program is designed to provide support and recognition for all graduate students who teach *Professional Writing* courses at North Carolina State University. Participants may choose to complete the program in one year (2 semesters), a year and a half (3 semesters), or two years (4 semesters). Certificates are awarded at the end of each semester. An awards ceremony is usually held every April.

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The CoAT program enables graduate students to:

- Receive a transcript notation for successful completion of the Accomplishment in Teaching program
 - Receive an official letter of recommendation to include in future job applications
 - Prepare a professional teaching portfolio
 - Obtain a Certificate of Accomplishment in Teaching
 - Receive personalized assistance with teaching strategies and professional development
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Fall 2009 program requirements:

1. Attend an orientation session during your first semester in the CoAT program. Orientations for the fall 2009 semester will be held September 8, 9, and 10th. You will choose one orientation session when you register for the program.
2. Attend and complete reflection assignments for three CoAT approved workshops. All FIT workshops count towards the teaching certificate unless otherwise noted. CoAT participants are required to complete the "Introduction to Teaching" workshop before receiving the certificate. Workshops are offered in person, online, and in hybrid formats.
3. Complete the Inquiry Guided TA Training Program with the TA Mentor in *Professional Writing*. Prepare and submit journal responses for all eight learning modules.
4. Be the instructor of record for a minimum of two semesters of an undergraduate NCSU course(s) in *Professional Writing*.
5. Complete one classroom observation for each teaching experience. Classroom observations should be completed by your advisor, a faculty member in your discipline, or a member of the CoAT staff.
6. Create a teaching portfolio, web site, or final project according to guidelines provided by the CoAT program.

Deadline for applications for the Fall 2009 CoAT program is: September 4, 2009

**Online applications will be available beginning August 19, 2009 on the Graduate School's web site:
<http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/preparing-future-leaders/coat.html>**