

## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY CONT....

The certificate program consists of six online courses that lead to the 18079 endorsement in computer education. The MAEd includes the certificate courses and adds six additional courses to provide additional instructional technology expertise as well as experiences with diverse learners, leadership skills, and research knowledge. The MAEd leads to M-level licensure and the completer earns the 077-add-on license.

The certificate option is designed to be completed in a little over a year and the MAEd in two years. In both cases, students take two courses per semester. We know that making a commitment to pursue graduate education is difficult, but we offer the following to lessen the burden:

- Online programs are much less expensive than on-campus programs (fees are much cheaper, no travel and parking costs, etc.)
- Online programs are designed to fit the schedules of busy professionals
- In our cohort model, extra support is provided in the application process, enrollment, etc., all the way through to graduation
- Cohort students are more likely to complete than others due to ECU support and support from other students in the program
- Federal financial aid is available for students taking two classes per semester.
- The application process just got easier – we have dropped the testing requirement for the MAEd (the certificate application never require a test)!

If you have questions, please let me know by replying to this e-mail message.

Thank you in advance for sending this opportunity to your teachers.

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