



# Voorhees College Center of Excellence for Educator Preparation and Innovation

Voorhees College announces its newly established Center of Excellence for Educator Preparation and Innovation (VC-CEPI). The aim of VC-CEPI is to provide innovative pathways and professional learning opportunities for currently certified teachers as well as those seeking to become certified. Through individualized, competency-based instruction, Voorhees College is committed to providing support services, stipends, and virtual coaching to help you achieve your academic goals **at no cost to you\***. Additional incentives are available to those with backgrounds in STEM, a desire to earn endorsements in STEAM, or work in critical subject areas and geographic locations. Whether a recent graduate, a career-changer, or an educator who seeks continued growth, we are positioned and stand ready to assist you.

Begin. Believe. Become... A South Carolina Teacher!

*To learn more about the four distinct pathways, see the description below, call, or email today!*

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## **RISE**

### **Rigorous Instruction Supports Equity Program Pathways 1 & 2**

- RISE offers two pathways for educators.
- Pathway 1 provides an opportunity for current educators to receive a STEM micro-credential or teaching endorsements in either STEAM or Computer Science.
- Pathway 2 is an alternative certification route for working individuals interested in making a career change to education. It is an 11-month residency program where teacher candidates will co-teach with proven accomplished teachers learning the tenets of Improvement Science and using them to inform their instructional practices.
- Each Pathway 2 candidate will receive a **monthly living stipend**.

## **V-NET**

### **Voorhees Network for Enhanced Teaching Program Pathway 3 (*Under development and Available in 2022*)**

- V-NET candidates can receive a Master's Degree in as little as 18 months.
- In partnership with the University of South Carolina, the program offers a Master of Education, teaching certification and a STEM/Computer Science micro-credential.
- The program will utilize a residency model that allows candidates to refine their inquiry approach to teaching under the guidance of an outstanding K-12 accomplished teacher.
- V-NET participants will receive a **monthly living stipend** during their 12 months of residency to offset the costs of leaving employment to attain their teaching licensure.

## **IMPACT**

### **Improvement Science Propels Achievement & Critical Teaching Program Pathway 4**

- IMPACT educators will receive a micro-credential in Improvement Science while engaging in self-selected professional development (PD). The self-selected PD will replace the traditional PD that teachers are required to engage in during the school year. IMPACT educators will receive a **stipend** to assist with the cost of the PD.
- The idea is that teachers fully understand the challenges that they face in their individual classroom and need to be given an opportunity to research and investigate those challenges. Through Improvement Science and self-selected professional development, teachers will be equipped to tackle the challenges and improve their effectiveness which will in turn raise student achievement.

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