

QUARTERLY REPORT

YEAR 5 • QUARTER 2

College of Education UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT FOR QUALITY PREPARATION

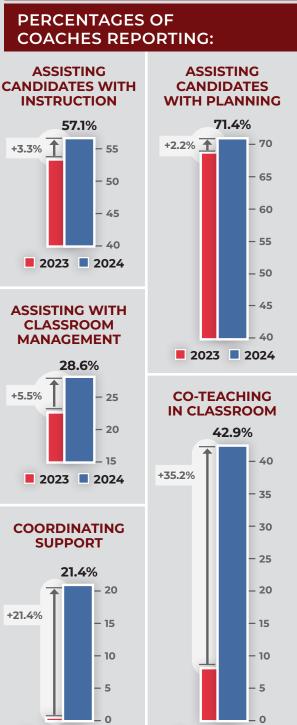
CarolinaCAP is a non-degree alternative pathway leading to full licensure for candidates in partner districts. This pathway provides a high-quality experience in teaching that marries the expertise of local teachers, schools, and districts with an institution of higher education and a national nonprofit. CarolinaCAP focuses on innovative and cost-effective teacher recruitment strategies, customized training for new teachers, and dedicated, ongoing coaching support.

A QUALITY COACHING MODEL

- As of December 2024, 91 coaches serve over 280 CarolinaCAP candidates in 42 partner districts. This includes 124 new candidates launched this year.
- 93% of coaches reported having an initial coaching conversation with their assigned candidates at the beginning of the year, providing a solid start to a relationship focused on the success of the candidate.
- Almost 3 in 4 of coaches spend three or more hours per week engaged in various specific areas of support for the candidate (at right).
- Over half of those coaches reported that providing assistance with instruction was the greatest area of focus when working with their candidates.
- By combining academic coursework, mentorship, and real-world classroom experiences, the program facilitates participants' seamless transition into the classroom environment, enhancing their confidence and effectiveness as new educators."

—**Dr. Mauvette Doyley**, CarolinaCAP Coach Lee Central High School, Lee County School District

FIVE KEY AREAS OF COACHING SUPPORT



2023 2024

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A QUALITY CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE

Increased state investment in the CarolinaCAP pathway is growing the effectiveness of our preparation model.

- The support that CarolinaCAP coaches provide to candidates makes a noticeable difference, shown in Fall 2024 survey data.
- 84% of respondents met with their coaches at the outset of the 2024-25 academic year, making an earlier start of their relationships with their coaches than the previous year (51%).
- 32% of respondents reported meeting with their coaches even before the academic year began, translating to a greater perception of how smooth their transition was into their CarolinaCAP pathways.
- 85.7% of candidates reported micro-credentials were personalized to their learning needs; and 91% reported that micro-credentials were job-embedded.
- In addition, 91% of respondents reported feeling supported by their school administrators, more than the previous year (82%).

⁴⁴ Through CarolinaCAP, I have been able to enter the classroom swiftly while still receiving essential training and support. This program provides the resources I need to grow as an educator and succeed in my teaching journey."

> —**Tah'Ajaih Goodwine,** CarolinaCAP Candidate Willow Drive Elementary, Richland 2 School District

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WHAT ADMINISTRATORS ARE SAYING

- 100% of administrators who recognized unique aspects of the preparation of CarolinaCAP candidates indicated that these aspects made hiring these candidates especially appealing.
- 78.6% of administrators believed their candidates were likely or very likely to remain in the profession for at least 5 years.

CANDIDATE PERCEPTION DATA TELLS THE STORY

94%

OF CURRENT CAROLINACAP CANDIDATES REPORTED A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO THE PATHWAY

> +16% FROM 2023

74%

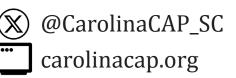
OF CURRENT CAROLINACAP CANDIDATES SPEND 3 HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK WITH COACHES

+68%

91% OF CURRENT CAROLINACAP CANDIDATES FEEL PREPARED TO TAKE THE PRAXIS II

EXAMINATION

+14%



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