Hello, Educators!

The University of North Dakota College of Education and Human Development’s Outreach for Teacher Recruitment and Retention team is excited to announce the official rollout for the “Why Teach” North Dakota learning module.

“Why Teach” is a free, online, and fully autonomous learning module designed to promote teaching professions to students thinking about future careers in education. It works within the FACS curriculum (1.2 – 1.3, 4.1 – 4.6, 6.1 – 6.2, 12.2, 13.1 – 13.6) and as independent career exploration. The learning module is comprised of eight topics. Each topic takes about 20-25 minutes to complete, and they incorporate interactive multimedia (videos, scenarios, audio, drag-and-drop activities, etc.) to bring the content to life. This module is designed to be engaging. We hope that it sparks important conversations and interest in the teaching profession!

We have created a teacher guide handbook to help you understand the structure of the module (ex. how to access, how to track progress, etc.). The handbook also includes activities for you to do *live* alongside the asynchronous module. Please take time to review the guidebook before beginning the module with your students.

We had five schools pilot this module from August to mid-October. We received their feedback and made suggested edits to improve the module based on their experiences with students. With that said, if at any time you have a question or suggestion or find an error, please reach out to Katie Stermer ([katie.stermer@und.edu](mailto:katie.stermer@und.edu)). We want this module to positively serve the teachers and students in our North Dakota schools!

To access the module and teacher resources to get started, please visit: <https://education.und.edu/about/why-teach>

All the best for a great rest of your school year!

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