

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at Virginia Community College				Complete at George Mason University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
General Elective: UNIV 100	1	SDV 100		Gen Ed: Upper Level Written Comm ENGH 302	3	
General Elective: ENGH ---	3	ENG 111		Major: EDSE 351	3	
Gen Ed: Written Comm ENGH 101	3	ENG 112	Admission Requirement	Major: EDSE 352	3	
Gen Ed: Arts	3	ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, CST 130, CST 151, or MUS 121	Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available.	Major: EDSE 353	3	
Gen Ed: Literature	3	ENG 225, ENG 245, ENG 246, ENG 250, ENG 255, ENG 258, or ENG 275	ENG 250 recommended. Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available.	Major: EDSE 354	3	
Gen Ed: Social and Behavioral Science, HIST 121 or HIST 122	3	HIS 121 or HIS 122		Major: EDSE 381	3	
General Elective: GOVT 103	3	PLS 135		Major: EDSE 451	3	
Gen Ed: Global History	3	HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, or HIS 112	HIS 112 recommended Course options listed are Passport and/or UCGS courses. Additional options may be available.	Major: EDSE 452	3	Writing Intensive

Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101, BIO 106, CHM 101, ENV 121, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY 100, or PHY 241	Students must select two lab sciences in different disciplines	Major: EDSE 481 or EDSE 482, EDSE 483, or EDSE 484	12	Internship & Apex Selection is determined by concentration choice. See advisor or degree audit to select appropriate course.
Gen Ed: Natural Science	4	BIO 101, BIO 106, CHM 101, ENV 121, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY 100, or PHY 241	Students must select two lab sciences in different disciplines	Major: Concentration coursework	15 - 26	See the "What can I do with this Degree" section below for concentration options
Gen Ed: Quant MATH 106	3	MTH 154		General Electives	0-9	As needed to reach 120 total credits
Gen Ed: Oral Comm	3	CST 100 or CST 110				
Major: EDUC L302 or PSYC 211	3	EDU 207 or PSY 230				
Major: EDUC 200	3	EDU 200				
Major: EDSE 201	3	EDU 250				
General Elective: EDUC L301	3	EDU 204				
Gen Ed: Info Tech ELED 257	3	EDU 280				
Major: EDSE 251	3	EDU 206				
General Elective: STAT 250	3	MTH 245				
Gen Ed: Global Contexts: GGS 101	3	GEO 220				
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60 - 62		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Transfer Admission Requirements

- Transfer applicants must present a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Prior to applying, VCCS applicants must complete an English composition equivalent to ENGH 101 (ENG 112). Students may provide secondary school coursework or test scores demonstrating [English language proficiency](#).
- Prior to applying, VCCS applicants must complete a college-level math course.
- GAA applicants must present a minimum 2.85 cumulative GPA. For more information about Guaranteed Admission Agreement Requirements, visit: <https://www.vccs.edu/transfer-programs/>

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **Office of Transfer Services:** <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/office-transfer-services>
- **Admission Application:** By Oct 1 or March 1 at <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now>

- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.gmu.edu/financial-aid>

- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for Fall admission and October 1 for Spring admission at studentaid.gov.

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Connect with an advisor at your community college within your first year. College connect available in your account of www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered, and complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at www.TransferVirginia.org.
- Consider taking introductory teaching and/or special education courses.
- Connect with the George Mason Special Education program prior to transfer: speced@gmu.edu.

IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- I know from experience that I enjoy working with diverse student or adult populations and want to support the needs of individuals with disabilities.
- I want to support the next generation and the community. I could see myself working with students across their K-12 academic career.
- I am exhilarated by challenges and want a career where each day brings something new.
- I am available for daytime coursework. Classes and field observations are scheduled during the day along with a full semester of student teaching in the final semester.
- My primary focus is my studies. It is recommended students work only part-time or focus fully on their studies. Students who need more flexible scheduling options, such as those working in schools already, can pursue this field through the Accelerated Master's in Special Education with an individualized undergraduate degree. Contact speced@gmu.edu for details.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, AA&S, & AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the George Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Applicants are required to apply as freshman.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit by exam may be used to fulfill General Education and/or major requirements. See: <https://www.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/apply-now/how-apply/transfer/transfer-credit-policy>.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first term of attendance at George Mason.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in Fairfax within the National Capital Region. George Mason enrolls 26,000 undergraduate students, in 80 in-demand majors, from 50 states and 130 countries.
- 4,000 new transfer students choose George Mason each year. George Mason is consistently ranked as one of the most diverse universities in the U.S.
- Transfer students are welcome to live among our 7700-student residential community or off-campus. The Office of Contemporary Student Services is dedicated to the support of off-campus transfers.
- 66% of George Mason students receive financial aid
- 22 Division I men's and women's teams and 475+ student organizations
- Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Field experiences allow students to see different aspects of special education and discover possible careers, and learn from experienced professionals
- Students choose from three licensure areas: PK-12 Blindness & Visual Impairments, K-12 Adapted Curriculum, or K-12 General Curriculum; or a non-concentration path.
- Specific concentrations prepare you to work as classroom educator, K-12, with specialized skills and content knowledge for areas such as autism, behavior, mild disabilities, multiple/severe disabilities, and visual impairments. Non-concentration prepares you to work as a home-bound

student instructor, adult services provider, assistive technology specialist, behavior specialist, learning services provider, advocate/activist, or to teach overseas.

- Students pursuing a teaching degree who are participating in the VA Two-Year College Transfer Grant may be eligible for the STEM-N Bonus Award Funding.
- The program provides experiences through field placements and internships in both K-12 public and private schools, as well as other professional settings. Mentorship from school-based staff and university faculty help students apply what they learn.
- You could finish a Master's in one additional year. The Bachelor's to Accelerated Master's allows students to begin fulfilling Master's requirements as an undergraduate. They can then focus on a second licensure endorsement, behavior analysis, or other specialization area in graduate school.
- You can minor in American Sign Language to foster diverse communication as an educator.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at: TransferVirginia.org.
- Obtain a Virginia teaching license in one of three areas: K-12 Special Education- Adapted Curriculum, PK-12 Blindness and Visual Impairments, K-12 Special Education-General Curriculum.
- Work as a classroom educator, K-12, with specialized skills and content knowledge for areas such as autism, behavior, mild disabilities, multiple/severe disabilities, and visual impairments.
- Work as a home-bound student instructor, adult services provider, assistive technology specialist, behavior specialist, learning services provider, advocate/activist, or teach overseas.

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Special Education teachers are in high demand. Our graduates find jobs!
- All three licensure concentrations are pre-approved by Virginia Dept. of Education to meet state teacher licensure requirements.
- We have a high national ranking by US News & World Report.
- Many of our graduates are now teaching successfully in local school systems.
- Mason LIFE, a unique on campus opportunity for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, trains teacher candidates to support, educate and foster the inclusion of Mason LIFE students in all aspects of the university including residential life, community involvement, academics, and employment.

DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- Specialize in an area such as autism, behavior analysis, or leadership or earn an additional teaching endorsement by getting first your Bachelor's degree in special education, and then a Master's degree through the Accelerated Master's pathway.
- After teaching for three years, become a mentor teacher for the program if you stay in Northern Virginia.

OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students must earn a C or better in all courses for licensure.
- Students pursuing teacher licensure must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and pass all Commonwealth of Virginia mandated tests for their licensure area.
- Students must complete a full semester internship. Students pursuing licensure complete two 8-week internships, one at the elementary and one at the secondary (middle/high) level.