# Randolph-Macon College Bachelor of Arts in Exceptional Education

TRANSFER GUIDE Catalog Years: 2025-2027

Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Special Education

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Randolph-Macon College		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credit s	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
Not Applicable	1-2	SDV 100 or 101	Not applicable	MATH 123 Mathematical Concepts for Elementary Educators	3	
ENGL 185 Critical Reading and Writing	3	ENG 111	Required of all RMC students.	EDUC 335 Curriculum and Education Technology	3	
ENGL 010 (general elective) or WRIT 040 (upper-level)	3	ENG 112	Applies as an elective to the College's requirement of 120 hours of total course credit to graduate.	EXED 334 IEPs and Evaluation	3	
Equivalency dependent on selected course	3	Select ONE of the following courses: ART 101 Hist of Art: Prehist to Gothic, ART 102 Hist of Art Ren to Modern, MUS 221 Hist of West Music Prior to 1750, MUS 222 Hist of West Music 1750 to Present, MUS 226 World Music, CST 130 Intro to Theatre, CST 151 Film Appreciation	Completion of these requirements through the GAA will satisfy the Pillar requirements at RMC. We encourage students to refer to the equivalency guide and among AA/AS courses select courses which meet the following RMC designations:  Aesthetic Expression Civic Life Global Experiences Human Condition Quantitative/ Symbolic Reasoning Scientific Process	EDUC 330 Assessment in Education	3	
Equivalency dependent on selected course	3	Select ONE of the following courses: ENG 225 Reading Literature:	If you have selected an intended major, please see if a program-specific transfer guide is available in	ELED 225 Reading and Language Arts Methods for	3	

		Culture and Ideas, ENG 245 British Literature, ENG 246 American Literature, ENG 250 Children's Literature, ENG 255 World Literature, ENG 258 African American Literature, ENG 275 Women's Literature	the portal for your major	Elementary Teachers I		
Equivalency dependent on selected course	3	Select ONE of the following courses: HIS 121 U.S. History to 1877 or HIST 122 U.S. History Since 1865		ELED 227 Math Methods for Elementary Teachers	3	
Equivalency dependent on selected course	3	Select ONE of the following courses: ECO 201 Macroeconomics, ECO 202 Microeconomics, GEO 200 Physical Geography, GEO 210 People & the Land, GEO 220 World Regional Geography, GEO 225 Economic Geography, PLS 135 U.S. Gov & Politics		EXED 235 Designing Exception Instruction	3	
Equivalency dependent on selected course	4	Select ONE of the following courses: BIO 101 Gen Bio I, BIO106 Life Science, GOL 105 Phys Geo, GEO 106 Historical Geo, GEO 110 Earth Systems		ELED 226 Reading and Language Arts Methods for Elementary Teachers II	3	
Equivalency dependent on selected course	3-4	Select ONE of the following courses: MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning (preferred), MTH 161-162/167 Precalc I-II/Precalc with Trig		EXED 357 Transition for Students & Teachers	3	
Oral Communication	3	CST 100 or 110	Select a course for oral communication	PHED 105 CPR & First Aid with	1	

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EDUC 321 Educational Psychology	3	PSY 230 Dev Psychology or EDU 207 Human Growth and Dev		EDUC 425 Observation (for student teaching)	3	
EDUC 220 and 221 The Profession of Teaching and Fieldwork in Profession of Teaching	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	20 hour Field Placement required	EDUC 426 Student Teaching	6	
EDUC 233 Survey of Exceptional Children	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education		EXED 348 Collaboration Seminar	3	
EDUC 340 Diversity in Education	3	EDU 204 Teaching in a Diverse Society	20 hour Field Placement required	Other Electives to reach a total of 120 credits	20	Elective hours can also be used to complete a minor and/or a second major in a different discipline. For more details about available major and minor programs, see the College's Course Catalog.
Elective Credit	4	Select ONE of the following courses: BIO 101, 106, CHM 101 Intro Chem, ENV 121 Gen Environ Science, GOL 105, 106, 110, PHY 100 Elements of Physics, PHY 141 (NAS 131) Astronomy: Solar System, PHY 142 (NAS 132) Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	2nd science different subject than first			
MATH 105 Introduction to Finite Math or MATH 111/113 Introduction to Statistics	3	MTH 155 or 245				
Elective Credit	3	EDU 206 Classroom	This course meets competencies required for VDOE licensure			

CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER	REDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60			CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60		
		VCLA Test	Students are strongly encouraged to pass the VCLA prior to transfer.			
Foreign Language (FL)	4-6	World Languages				
Elective Credit	3	Select course from previous list.				
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### **TRANSFER GUIDANCE**

Guaranteed Admission Agreement: Randolph-Macon College
This agreement does not guarantee your enrollment in any specific major.
By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission into Randolph-Macon College.

- Transfer-oriented associate degrees include the Associate of Arts (AA), the Associate of Science (AS), and the Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA&S) degrees identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher for credits earned at the degree-granting institution is required.
- Students are required to earn a C or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer degree from a VCCS institution.

- Students must meet all requirements to earn a transfer associate degree as determined by their VCCS institution, including a minimum of 60 credits. Additionally, students who were previously enrolled at RMC and transferred back to a VCCS college to complete the transferoriented associate degree are not eligible for participation in the GAA.
- A student may receive a maximum of 75 semester hours through transfer work from twoyear and four-year institutions and/or credit-by-examination (e.g., Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate). Additionally, no more than one-half of a student's major or minor coursework may be completed through transfer credit; at least one-half of the semester hours of the major or minor must be taken at Randolph-Macon.
- Students may register their intent to transfer through the Transfer Virginia portal or by contacting the RMC Office of Admissions. Students should have completed at least 45 college credits prior to registering their intent. Notification is recommended but not required.

Please visit the www.TransferVirginia.org portal to find course requirements for different

majors (Transfer Tools) and **Transfer Guides** that outline course requirements for specific majors. (Resource Center)

#### **IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:**

- University Transfer Center: www.rmc.edu/transfer
- Register Intent to Transfer: upon earning 45 college credits through College Connect at www.TransferVirginia.org
- Admission Application: By June 1 for fall admission and December 1 for spring admission at www.rmc.edu/apply
- Financial Aid: www.rmc.edu/financialaid
- FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid: February 1 for fall semester at studentaid.gov

#### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are
  offered, complete your first math and English courses in your first year. For help, see Transfer
  Steps and Resource Center at <a href="https://www.transferVirginia.org">www.transferVirginia.org</a>
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Randolph-Macon College within your first year. College Connect available in your account of www.TransferVirginia.org

#### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- The Exceptional Education (Special Education) Major at Randolph-Macon College leads to K-12 licensure. To become licensed, students must pass a yearly criminal background check and the chair must certify that the student hasn't committed certain crimes, including crimes against children.
- Any student may major in Exceptional Education (Special Education) at Randolph-Macon College; there is no limit to the number of students who are accepted to the Exceptional Education (Special Education) program each year. In order to be licensed, students apply and be accepted to the Teacher Preparation Program in their sophomore year, and then apply and be accepted to student teach in their senior year.
- To apply to the Teacher Preparation Program, students must pass the VCLA, show proficiency in math, and earn a 2.8 GPA.
- Students must earn a 2.0 in the major in order to graduate from RMC. Learn more about applying at <a href="https://www.TransferVirginia.org">www.TransferVirginia.org</a>

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

- Associate Transfer Degree Completion: RMC divides its general education requirements into
  four sections: Effective Communication, The Pillars of the Liberal Arts, Cross-Area
  Requirements, and Wellness. Students admitted to RMC who meet the terms of this GAA will
  be granted junior status. Students will be considered as having fulfilled RMC's lower division
  general education requirements, with the following exclusions and exceptions:
- Students must complete any additional foreign language coursework necessary to satisfy the Effective Communication requirement of two consecutive courses in a foreign language or completion of a foreign language through the intermediate level (212 or 215).

- Students must complete the college's Cross-Area Requirements, most of which can be
  fulfilled through major programs and should not significantly increase the time to
  completion of degree. These requirements include one course that is designated as nonwestern, one course that is attentive to diversity and inclusion, one course that is
  experiential in its delivery, and one course that fulfills the collegiate capstone requirement.
   When applicable, GAA students may apply courses taken for the VCCS transfer-oriented
  associate degree program to these remaining requirements.
- Associate Degree Concurrent with High School: This GAA is not applicable to students earning
  an associate degree concurrent with high school. High school students earning a concurrent
  associate degree will apply for admission consideration as a first-year student (not transfer
  student), and transfer credit will be reviewed on a course-by-course basis.
- Credit for Prior Learning: Students having earned credits through prior learning are still eligible for guaranteed admission. VCCS credit for courses completed through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Armed Services experiences, and other prior learning assessments will not automatically be eligible for individual transfer to RMC; such courses will be evaluated according to RMC's policy on credit-by-examination.
- Catalog Year: For students maintaining continuous enrollment, this entitlement will be in effect for a minimum of four years from the time of the student's first enrollment at the two-year institution. Students must enroll at the four-year institution within one year of completing their associate degree. Students must complete the degree requirements in effect at the time of their matriculation at RMC. GAA students may select an Academic Catalog from the two years prior to their matriculation, but this decision must be communicated to the Registrar's Office within the first semester of attendance at RMC.

#### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Students enrolled at Randolph-Macon College attend classes primarily Monday-Friday between 8 am 5 pm with very few evening courses.
- RMC is a residential college, and all students are generally required to live on campus. To learn
  more about the residential experience and policy for living off campus:
   https://www.rmc.edu/campus-life/housing-and-dining/housing/policy-for-living-off-campus/.
- The large majority of RMC coursework is offered in-person and on campus. A very limited selection of online courses is offered in summer sessions.
- Learn more about our college at www.TransferVirginia.org

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and limited your future financial aid at RMC.
- If you apply as a traditional transfer and not through the intent to transfer under the GAA, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.
- 60% of transfer applicants are accepted.
- You have college experience, and that matters. We strive to make your transition to RMC as seamless as possible. In fact, we have been cited as a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Roll institution for our commitment to our transfer students.
- Learn more about applying at www.TransferVirginia.org

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#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

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#### **PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS**

- All students who complete our Exceptional Education (Special Education) Program are licensed
  to teach in Virginia. Some students choose to go on to earn a Master's Degree in Education
  after they begin their teaching careers.
- Students in the Education Program complete fieldwork at local K-12 schools. The College does
  not provide transportation to fieldwork sites, so you will need access to a car or other means of
  transportation to get to most fieldwork sites.
- The Randolph-Macon Education Program is fully accredited by the Virginia Department of Education and the Council for Accreditation of Education Programs.
- 100% of our students who are licensed to teach in K-12 obtain a full-time position in the year after graduation, if they are seeking one.

#### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

- Students are required to complete a capstone experience in their senior year. For the cybersecurity major, students must complete a project that applies knowledge obtained from the required content of the major to a real-world problem of their choosing.
- No more than one half of the courses on a major or minor can be transferred; at least one-half of the semester hours of the major or minor must be taken at Randolph-Macon.