

# Radford University Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies: Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Special Education

**TRANSFER GUIDE**  
Catalog Years: 2025-2026

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at Radford University		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
Elective	1-2	SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation		ASL 323 American Sign Language (ASL) III	3	Fall only
ENGL 111 Principles of College Composition	3	ENG 111 College Comp I		ASL 324 American Sign Language (ASL) IV	3	Spring only
General Education	3	ENG 112 College Comp II		COSD 421 Language Development Birth to Five Years	3	Fall only
General Education or Elective	3	ART 101 Hist of Art: Prehist to Gothic, ART 102 Hist of Art Ren to Modern, MUS 121 Music in Society, 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, or CST 151 Film Appreciation		COSD 422 Audiologic Rehabilitation	3	Summer course taken between junior and senior years
ENGL 424 Children's Literature	3	Any UCGS Literature, ENG 250 Children's Lit preferred		EDRD 314 Reading Instruction and Assessment for the Primary Grades	3	
HIST 111 U.S. History to 1865 or HIST 112 U.S. History Since 1865	3	HIS 121 U.S. History to 1877 or 122 U.S. History Since 1865		EDSP 426 Introduction to Deaf and Hard of Hearing	3	Fall only
General Education or Elective	3	ECO 150 Econ Essentials, ECO 201 Macroeconomics, ECO 202 Microeconomics, GEO 200 Physical Geography, GEO 210 People & the Land, GEO 220 World Regional Geography, GEO 225 Economic Geography, or PLS 135 U.S. Gov & Politics		EDSP 428 Language Development and Literacy for DHH	3	Spring only
General Education Lab Science	4	BIO 101 Gen Bio I, BIO 106 Life Science, GOL 105 Phys Geo, GOL 106 Historical Geo, or GOL 110 Earth System		EDSP 451 Collaborative Consultation and Communication Skills for Special Education	3	

Math 121 Math Content for Teachers I	3-5	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning preferred, MTH 161-162/167 Precalc I-II/Precalc with Trig		EDSP 469 Evaluative Techniques	3	Spring only
General Education or Elective	3	CST 100 Public Speaking or 110 Human Comm		EDUC 415 Methods for Elementary Science and STEM Instruction	3	
EDEF 300 Human Development and Learning: Birth to Adolescence	3	PSY 230 Dev Psych or EDU 207 Human Growth & Dev		EDSP 427 Curriculum and Methods for DHH	3	Fall only
EDEF 320 Introduction to Professional Education	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	20 hour Field Placement required	EDSP 462 Proactive Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support	3	Fall only
EDSP 361 Introduction to Students with Diverse Learning Needs and the Special Education Process	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education		EDSP 432 Practicum: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	6	Fall only, 3 days per week in field placement required
EDUC 370 Introduction to Multicultural Education	3	EDU 204 Teaching in a Diverse Society	20 hour Field Placement required	EDSP 455 Student Teaching in Special Education, DHH, Elementary	6	Spring only, Full-time 7-Week Field placement required
2nd Lab Science Requirement	4	BIO 101 General Bio I, BIO 106 Life Science, CHM 101 Intro Chem, ENV 121 Gen Environ Science, GOL 105 Physical Geology, GOL 106 Historical Geology, GOL 110 Earth Systems, PHY 100 Elements of Physics, PHY 141 (NAS 131) Astronomy: Solar System, or PHY 142 (NAS 132) Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	2nd science different subject than first	EDSP 456 Student Teaching in Special Education, DHH, Secondary	6	Spring only, Full-time 7-Week Field placement required
Math 312 Elementary and Middle Grades Mathematics for Social Analysis	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning or MTH 245 Statistics		Electives	8-11	*Depending upon transfer elective credit total
Elective	3	World Languages, Third science, Third Math, EDU 280 Technology for Educators, EDU 270 Intro to Autism, EDU 206 Classroom Management, EDU 120/MTH 120 Math for Elementary & Middle School Educators, or ASL 125 History & Culture of the US Deaf Community, PSY 200 Intro to Psych				
ASL 221 Introduction to American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture	6	ASL 101 Beginning American Sign Language I and ASL 102 Beginning American Sign Language II				

ASL 222 American Sign Language (ASL) II	3	ASL 201 Intermediate American Sign Language II		Praxis: Teaching Reading, Elementary		Students must pass this test during the last semester for licensure.
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60-63				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 62- 65		

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

### Radford University and VCCS Guaranteed Admission Agreement

By meeting the following criteria, students who complete the prescribed curriculum and meet the criteria below are guaranteed admission into Radford University.

- Earn a transferable associate degree.
- Earn a minimum of 2.8 cumulative GPA.
- Good academic standing at current institution.

Please visit the [TransferVirginia.org](https://www.transfervirginia.org) portal to find course requirements for different majors and **Transfer Guides** that outline course requirements for specific majors.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://admissions.radford.edu>
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for priority fall admission and November 1 for priority spring admission at <https://www.radford.edu/admissions/apply/index.html>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.radford.edu/fin-aid> , FAFSA priority deadline March 1.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** <https://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 [www.TransferVirginia.org](https://www.TransferVirginia.org).
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and Radford University within your first year. College Connect available in your account of [www.TransferVirginia.org](https://www.TransferVirginia.org).

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Do you want to make an impact in the life of a Deaf or Hard of Hearing child by becoming a teacher?
- Do you want the opportunity to work in different places in Virginia or across the country? Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are in high demand!
- Do you want to work in an environment where no two days or two students are the same? Each day brings new challenges and new rewards.
- Do you want the opportunity to show your creative side? Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing use many methods to enhance learning.

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

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will satisfy the REAL Curriculum (lower division/general education) requirements.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** Students completing the associate degree in high school should apply using the freshman application. If admitted, the student will receive the benefits associated with the transferable associate degree (as noted above).
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Specific course credit will only be added to a student record once official scores are received and evaluated by the Office of Admissions. An official Joint Services Transcript should be sent for evaluation of specific military credit.
- **Catalog Year:** Students will be subject to the catalog in effect at the time of enrollment at RU unless otherwise requested.

### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Main campus is located in the city of Radford and our Radford University Carilion campus is located in Roanoke. RU is well-known for strong faculty/student bonds, vibrant student life and a commitment to student support.
  - Situated in the stunning landscape of southwest Virginia, there are plenty of nearby opportunities to explore the outdoors.
  - With 70+ bachelor's degree programs across a variety of disciplines, the classes at Radford are hands-on and designed to help you prepare for your chosen career path.
  - Transfer students have the option to live on-campus or off-campus within the local area.
  - Over 80% of students receive some form of financial aid.
  - 16 Division I teams and 300+ student organizations.
- Learn more about our university at [www.TransferVirginia.org](https://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 have limited your future financial aid at Radford University?

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- Educator preparation programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation Education Programs (CAEP).
- Educator preparation programs recognized among the Top Education Colleges for 2024 – 2023 by *Colleges of Distinction* for the fourth consecutive year.
- Available scholarship dollars annually for education majors: \$200,000+.
- Radford University offers the only program in the state of Virginia that leads to licensure in teaching Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.
- This program prepares individuals to work and serve children and youth who are deaf and hard of hearing in all educational settings.
- As part of the program, you'll meet children from preschool through secondary age who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and experience a variety of educational placements such as inclusive classrooms, self-contained classrooms and a residential school for the Deaf.

#### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- Of students who apply, usually about 65% of transfer applications are accepted to Radford University and about 80% of the entering transfer class comes from the Virginia Community College System.
- Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

- After completing the IDHH degree and licensure program, you can apply to the 4+1 Master of Science Degree in Special Education: General Curriculum and earn an additional endorsement in Special Education: General Curriculum, K-12, in just one more year of study!

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

- Passing scores on Praxis: Teaching Reading, Elementary prior to degree completion and licensure application.
- Support provided for preparation for licensure assessments.
- Vouchers to cover the costs of assessments available.
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA to enter the Teacher Education Program and begin field experience