

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Masters in Special Education degree program and
Licensure Certificate program in Students with Disabilities Accessing the General Curriculum**

Due to overlaps in the requirements of the two programs, students may complete these programs concurrently.

	<i>Masters in Special Education Program (30 credits minimum)</i>	<i>Students with Disabilities Accessing the General Curriculum Licensure Certificate Program*</i>
Coursework applies to both MEd and licensure program	EDSE 501 Intro to Spec Educ (3 cr.)	EDSE 501 Intro to Spec Educ (3 cr.)
	Reading (3 cr.) EDSE 503 or 557 or 625 or 636	EDSE 503 Lang Develop & Reading (3 cr.)
	Collaboration (3 cr.) EDSE 662 or 637 or 663 or 664	EDSE 662 Consultation & Collab (3 cr.)
Licensure certificate courses can apply as electives in the MEd program	15 cr. electives which can be any Special Education courses (EDSE or EDAT):	EDSE 502 Classroom Management ABA (3 cr.)
		EDSE 540 Charac of Students with Disab who Access the General Curriculum (3 cr.)
		EDSE 544 Adapt Instruct Methods/ Trans for Sec Learners (3 cr.)
		EDSE 627 Assessment (3 cr.)
		EDSE 641 Instructional Strategies for Reading & Writing (3 cr.)
		EDSE 643 Instructional Strategies for Math (3 cr.)
		EDSE 783 Internship Spec Education – General Curriculum – Elementary level (3 cr.)
		EDSE 783 Internship Spec Educ – General Curriculum – Secondary level (3 cr.)
Required for MEd only	EDSE 517 Comp Applic Spec Pop (3 cr.)	
	EDSE 590 Spec Educ Research (3 cr.)	
Credits	Total credits for MEd: 30	Total credits for licensure certificate: 33
	<i>Total credits if completing both MEd and licensure certificate: 39</i>	

*Students must demonstrate that they have covered the content in all courses in the program. However, students who have completed coursework in a graduate or undergraduate program may waive comparable courses in their Mason licensure certificate program down to a minimum of 15 credits.

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Internship (<https://education.gmu.edu/teacher-track-office/student-internship>):

EDSE 783 Internship: Two internship experiences are required for licensure certificate programs: one at the elementary level and one at the secondary level. Internship options should be discussed with an advisor upon admission to the program.

Some students may be eligible to waive one internship experience. For more information on the requirements for the waiver and the documentation that a student must submit in order to request the waiver see the checklist on the internship webpage.

Non-course Requirements (<http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/test/>): VCLA and CPR/AED/First Aid training are required prior to applying for internship. RVE must be completed prior to graduation from the certificate and/or submitting for VDOE licensure.

- VCLA (<http://www.va.nesinc.com/>) – score of 470+
- CPR/AED/First Aid training (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/emergency-first-aid>)
- RVE: Elementary & Special Education (<http://www.ets.org>) – score of 157+

Tuition Assistance and Grant Funding:

Cohort program (<https://education.gmu.edu/special-education-cohort/>): The Special Education program works collaboratively with a number of Northern Virginia school divisions to offer special education certificates and degree programs to school employees using a cohort model. This model provides convenience to the students and forms a better link between academia and school realities. Additional benefits of the cohort model include tuition discounts, classes located in the students' school divisions and course scheduling in alignment with school division calendars.

Virginia Educator Discount (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/admissions/funding-sources-discounts/educator-tuition-discount>): A 15% discount off the university's approved tuition rate is available for qualifying in-state graduate students who are educators in Virginia.

Graduate Research Assistantships (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/resources/student/ga-application>): Part time positions are available for students interested in providing research support to faculty.

George Mason University College of Education and Human Development is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All licensure programs are approved by the Virginia Department of Education. George Mason University will verify completion of the requirements of a Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) state-approved preparation program at the graduate or undergraduate level. Such verification does not guarantee the issuance of Virginia Collegiate Professional, Postgraduate Professional, or Pupil Personnel license from the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is solely the student's responsibility to comply with all requirements for licensure by the Commonwealth. Under Virginia law a social security number is required for licensure.

***If you have questions or would like further information, please visit our website at
<https://education.gmu.edu/special-education/> or call 703-993-3670***