



Teaching Culturally, Linguistically Diverse
& Exceptional Learners

Division of Advanced Professional Teacher Development and
International Education

Elementary Endorsement Requirements

Required Endorsement Credits	Additional Information
12 credit hours of English	3 credit hours of English composition 9 credit hours of English electives
15 credit hours of History and Social Sciences	3 credit hours of U.S. History 3 credit hours of Economics 3 credit hours of Geography 3 credit hours of World History 3 credit hours of Civics*
12 credit hours of Mathematics	No statistics, computer science, finance, or remedial math courses will be accepted
12 credit hours of the Natural Sciences	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, Geology or Astronomy will be accepted; Courses must be from at least two disciplines and one must be a laboratory science
3 credit hours of the Humanities	Philosophy, Religion, Humanities or Foreign Language will be accepted
3 credit hours of Art or Music	Art, Music or Theater only; no Dance accepted

***All prospective licensure candidates enrolled in the FAST TRAIN Elementary Education Program are required to meet the VDOE requirements for Virginia State and Local Civics Endorsement. You have two options to meet this requirement:**

- Option 1: Take the specific VA Government course suggested (Govt 304 at Mason or PLS 136 at NVCC) and NO online module OR
- Option 2: Take any approved Civics course and take the free online The Virginia State and Local Civic Education Module. Students that choose this option may contact the Endorsement Office to see if a Government course on a previous transcript may work instead of taking a new class. Please be advised, the content of this course must be related to Civics.