



## Professional Studies Certificate for Special Education Licensure

The Professional Studies Certificate program for Special Education – General Curriculum K-12 is designed to serve candidates wishing to obtain Virginia Teacher Licensure. This includes the use of the newest instructional techniques, experiential learning and exposure to information related to classroom management and instructional strategies for delivery to a K-12 school population. Candidates completing the requirements for this program will meet the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) “Licensure Regulations for School Personnel” (effective 9/21/07).

To complete the PSC, candidates must earn between 27- 36 credits, depending upon prior completion of initial education foundational courses. Up to 18 PSC credits earned to complete the PSC may be transferred into the Master of Science in Education – Individualized Focus, allowing the candidate to complete both licensure and graduate degree requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission along with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended
- 3 letters of recommendation
- 2-3 page typed essay addressing your background and educational goals
- Passing Praxis I test scores (Consult admissions about SAT/ACT/VCLA substitute tests)

### TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “A” or “B” are transferable
- Graduate hours may be approved by the Director of the School of Education & Human Development

### WHERE TO BEGIN

- Admissions: Contact Abby Griffeth at [agriffet@su.edu](mailto:agriffet@su.edu) or Mary Kay Hester at [mhester@su.edu](mailto:mhester@su.edu)
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- Apply online now by visiting: <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/su/>

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### CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 36 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

| Courses   | Credits   |
|---|-----------|
| EDU510/ Foundations of Education  | 3         |
| EDUC510   |           |
| RDG523/ Foundations of Reading  | 3         |
| EDUC523   |           |
| PSYP510/ Adv Human Growth & Dev   | 3         |
| PSYC510   |           |
| SED565/ Foundations/Legal/Medical   | 3         |
| SEDC565 Aspects of Special Education  |           |
| SED533 Language Acquisitions & Reading Methods                                      | 3         |
| SED569 Collaborative & Consultative Strategies                                      | 3         |
| SED571/ Char of Students w/Disabilities   | 3         |
| SEDC571   |           |
| SED575 Transitions for Students w/ Disabilities                                     | 3         |
| SED567 Special Ed, Behavior Mgt & Assessment  | 3         |
| SED573 Curr Inst & Service Delivery   | 3         |
| EDU661 Internship in Elementary/ Middle/Secondary Education in Special Education OR |           |
| EDU 613 Management and Mentorship   | 3         |
| EDU 614 Management and Mentorship II  | 3         |
| (Seminar courses designed for provisionally licensed teachers)                      |           |
| Passing score on VCLA & VRA   |           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>36</b> |