



## Professional Studies Certificate for Teacher Licensure

The Professional Studies Certificate programs for elementary, middle, and/or secondary teacher education licensure serve candidates wishing to obtain Virginia Teacher Licensure. Candidates completing the requirements for these programs will meet the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) requirements for licensure in at least one endorsement area in which the university offers programs. Secondary school licensure is offered in biology, chemistry, history/social studies, English, Spanish, and mathematics. K-12 licensure is offered in dance, health and physical education, and special education – general. Elementary school licensure is offered in PK-6 and middle school licensure is offered in grades 6-8. The technology and child protection state requirements for approved licensure programs are met within the courses in the PSC program.

To complete the PSC, candidates must earn 21-24 credits (depending on endorsement or licensure area). 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 OR passing Praxis I Math and suitable VCLA scores (Consult admissions about SAT/ACT substitute tests) Official scores must be sent directly to Shenandoah University.

### 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)
- Faculty Advisor: Contact Dr. Karrin Lukacs at [klukacs@su.edu](mailto:klukacs@su.edu)
- Apply online now by visiting: <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/su/>

### CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate requirement is 15-24 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Core Courses	Credits
PSYP510 Adv Human Growth & Dev	3
EDU584 Classroom Management & Climate	3
<u>EDU510 Foundations of Education</u>	<u>3</u>
Subtotal	9

### Elementary Teacher Education

RDG523 Foundations of Reading	3
EDU633 Integrated Language Arts	3
EDU643 Curr & Inst in Elementary and Middle Schools	3
EDU690 Internship in Elementary & Middle Schools	6 OR
EDU613 Management & Mentorship	3
EDU 614 Management & Mentorship II	3
Passing score on Praxis II, VCLA, & VRA	
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

**Middle Grades Teacher Education**

RDG533	Reading in the Content Area	3
EDU633	Integrated Language Arts	3
EDU643	Curr & Inst in Elementary and Middle Schools	3
EDU690/ EDU 692	Internship in Elementary & Middle Schools/Middle & Secondary	6 OR
EDU 613	Management & Mentorship	3
EDU 614	Management & Mentorship	3
<u>Passing score on Praxis II and VCLA</u>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>24</b>

**Secondary Teacher Education**

EDU635	Reading and Writing in the Content Area	3 OR
RDG533	Reading in the Content Area	3
EDU645	Curr & Inst in Sec Schools	3
EDU692	Internship in Middle & Secondary Schools	6 OR
EDU 613	Management & Mentorship	3
EDU 614	Management & Mentorship	3
<u>Passing score on Praxis II and VCLA</u>		
<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>

**OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS**

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