

Professional Studies Certificate: Elementary Education Licensure



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UNIVERSITY
Division of Education & Leadership

A Full-time, Two-Year Certificate Program (36 credit hours)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Professional Studies Certificate (PSC) program for Elementary, Middle, and/or Secondary Teacher Education licensure serves students who want to obtain Virginia Teacher Licensure. These PSC programs are intended to meet the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) requirements for licensure in at least one endorsement area in which the University offers programs. Elementary licensure is offered for PreK-6, and Middle licensure is offered for grades 6-8. Secondary licensure is offered in Biology, Business Education, Chemistry, English, History/Social Studies, Mathematics, and Spanish. PreK-12 licensure is offered in Health and Physical Education. To complete the PSC, candidates must earn 24-36 credits (depending on endorsement/licensure area). Up to 18 credits earned to complete the PSC may be transferred into the Master of Science in Education – Individualized Focus degree, allowing the candidate to complete both licensure and graduate degree requirements. Students must undergo a Criminal Background Check in order to successfully complete this program.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application with a \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Bachelor's Degree (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Essay addressing your background and educational goals (2-3 pages)
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students>
- Praxis Academic Core Tests (and appropriate substitutes) are no longer required as entrance exams for graduate teacher education programs at Shenandoah University. Instead, students will complete the VCLA and Praxis 2 exams during the course of the program. If you have already taken the VCLA or would like to take it prior to applying, you are encouraged to submit your scores with your application.
- *An undergraduate transcript review is also required to determine if there are any undergraduate courses that need to be completed prior to student teaching*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much does the program cost?

Tuition through the Division of Education and Leadership is offered at the discounted rate of \$465 per credit hour.

Can I complete this program while working full time?

Yes, all of our programs in the Division of Education & Leadership can be completed on a part-time basis, and many classes are offered in the evenings to accommodate working professionals. Most graduate students enrolled in DOEL programs also work full time.

ADMISSION & APPLICATION

Start Term

Spring (January) 2024
Summer (May) 2024
Fall (August) 2024

Admission Deadline

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis

Format/Location

On-campus at Winchester

How to Apply

Begin the online application process by going to www.su.edu/sehdapp

Foreign Transcripts

International transcript evaluation by an accredited agency is an admission requirement. Approved services are listed at www.naces.org and <http://aice-eval.org/>.

Transfer Credits

Only grades of "A" or "B" are transferable

A maximum of nine graduate hours may be approved by the Director

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CAMPUS LOCATIONS



Winchester Main Campus
1460 University Drive
Winchester, VA 22601



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CURRICULUM

The degree requirement is 24-36 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Course	Title	Credits
Foundations*		
PSYP 510	Human Growth & Learning	3
EDU 510	The Teaching Profession	3
EDU 633	Integrated Language Arts	3
EDU 584	Classroom Management	3
RDG 523	Foundations of Literacy	3
Methods		
EDU 536	Science Methods	3
EDU 561	Methods of Teaching Social Studies	3
EDU 563	Methods of Math	3
EDU 639	Assessment in Elementary Schools	3
EDU 648	Curriculum & Instruction in Elementary Schools	3
Passing scores on Praxis II, VCLA and RVE		
Supervised Teaching Experience		
EDU 690	Internship in Elementary & Middle Education	6
OR		
EDU 613	Management & Mentorship I (Fall Only)	3
EDU 614	Management & Mentorship II (Spring Only)	3
Program Total	Total	36

*If candidates have already completed the initial education foundations courses (or their equivalent), they only need to take the 24 credits of SED coursework, 6 credits supervised teaching experiences.

ABOUT THE DIVISION OF EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP

Shenandoah University's Division of Education & Leadership (DOEL) prepares practitioner-leaders by offering programs of study that conform to the following principles: practicing in a spirit of collaboration; thoughtful examination of the foundations, current contexts, and future possibilities of the fields of study; encouraging proactive, problem-centered philosophies of educational and professional practice; producing graduates who will be knowledge-driven, competent decision-makers whose thinking is informed by reflective practice; and preparing caring, capable, and reflective teachers, administrators, human services, and public sector practitioners.

As part of efforts to make education more accessible for educators and leaders who serve our communities, all DOEL graduate programs are offered at a [reduced tuition rate](#).