

# Professional Studies Certificate: Secondary Education Licensure



**SHENANDOAH**<sup>®</sup>  
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](http://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](http://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

### Contact Us

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### CAMPUS LOCATIONS



**Winchester Main Campus**  
1460 University Drive  
Winchester, VA 22601



**James L. Bowman Building**  
20 South Cameron Street  
Winchester, Virginia 22601

## CURRICULUM

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

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Foundations*</b>		
PSYP 510	Human Growth & Learning	3
EDU 510	The Teaching Profession	3
EDU 584	Classroom Management	3
RDG 635	Literacy in the Content Area	3
<b>Methods</b>		
EDU 640	Assessment in Middle/Secondary School	3
EDU 649	Curriculum & Instruction in Middle/Secondary Schools	3
<b>Passing scores on Praxis II, VCLA and RVE</b>		
<b>Supervised Teaching Experience</b>		
EDU 692	Internship in Middle & Secondary Education	6
<b>OR</b>		
EDU 613	Management & Mentorship I (Fall Only)	3
EDU 614	Management & Mentorship II (Spring Only)	3
<b>Program Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

\*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](#).