



William & Mary
School of Education

POST-BACCALAUREATE and GRADUATE CERTIFICATES PROGRAMS

Open new doors; advance your career.

Interested in building on your professional skills and gaining specialized knowledge? Consider a certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder, English as a Second Language Education, Gifted Education or Reading Specialist at William & Mary. Our certificates broaden professional opportunities and give you the necessary knowledge, skills and tools to provide students with the resources they need to overcome challenges and succeed.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Develop the skills and expertise on the characteristics and diagnostic criteria, instructional considerations, language and communication needs, and behavioral and social supports of students with autism.

Designed for: Those who work with autistic students including current/in-training teachers, paraprofessionals, school counselors occupational/physical therapists

Pre-requisite: Bachelor's degree

Course requirements: Three courses (nine credits) and 15 hours practicum or internship

Format: On-campus/evening courses. Fall/spring entry

GIFTED EDUCATION

Meet the needs of gifted students in the classroom by learning the cognitive and affective characteristics of gifted learners as well as designing learning curriculum modifications to address educational needs of gifted and talented K-12 learners.

Designed for: Teachers, counselors, administrators, and other educators wishing to expand their knowledge of gifted education

Pre-requisite: Bachelor's degree in education or related field

Course requirements: Four courses (12 credits), 15 hours practicum or internship

Format: Fully online, part-time. Fall/spring entry

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Enhance your initial licensure program to learn the central role of language and the theory and practice that informs planning lessons, delivering instruction, and administering ESL/bilingual programs.

Designed for: Those who want to work with linguistically diverse students

Pre-requisite: Bachelor's Degree

Course requirements: Four courses (12 credits)

Format: On-campus. Fall/spring entry

READING SPECIALIST

Ensure that all students develop high levels of literacy requires schools to make a concerted, coordinated effort to improve students' proficiency as readers, writers, and critical and creative thinkers.

Designed for: Certified teachers interested in adding the Reading Specialist endorsement

Prerequisite: Master's degree in education

Course requirements: Seven courses (21 credits)

Format: Fully online, part-time. Summer entry

View the program of study at education.wm.edu/ci

Questions? Contact graded@wm.edu or 757-221-2317



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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The need for highly-educated, well-prepared teachers has never been greater. There is a steadily rising demand for teachers, especially in high-need areas such as STEM, ESL/Bilingual and special education. Graduates of our teacher preparation programs are highly sought by school districts throughout Virginia and across the nation.

William & Mary is preparing tomorrow's educational leaders by providing a comprehensive experience for students. Our programs combine investigation of educational ideas and practices with supervised laboratory, clinical, and practicum experiences. They are designed to develop in students the specific knowledge, skills, and attitudes that are essential to effective teaching.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION PROGRAM OFFERINGS

GRADUATE LEVEL:

M.A.Ed. – Curriculum & Instruction

Elementary Education

Secondary Education

(English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies)

ESL/Bilingual Education

Special Education

Certificates – Autism Spectrum Disorder, ESL/Bilingual Education, Gifted Education, Reading Specialist

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL:

B.A.Ed. – Elementary Education (optional concentrations in ESL/Bilingual and Special Education)

Education as a second major (Elementary or Secondary Education)

5 Year B.A. to M.A.Ed. (Elementary, Secondary, ESL, Special)

Minors – Educational Studies and ESL/Bilingual Education

APPLY NOW

Find full details about applying online at education.wm.edu/admissions

WHY W&M?

Looking to pursue a graduate degree in education? Here are a few reasons to consider W&M:

A welcoming and supportive community

The School of Education is big enough to offer a diverse range of programs, people and experiences, but small enough to feel like family. You'll make close connections with your fellow students and your professors — relationships that will stay with you for life and help you forge your own career path.

A focus on leadership in education

Our programs produce leaders — people with the passion, skills and tenacity to effect change in education. Our alumni achieve early recognition, becoming school leaders and innovators.

A campus in the heart of historic Williamsburg

Founded in 1693, W&M is a campus that offers years of history and countless beloved traditions.

Professors who are leaders in the field

Our faculty are recognized and respected around the world for instruction and research. They're passionate about their own research as well as the success of their students — they are, after all, teachers first and foremost.

Field experiences that will change your life

You won't be stuck in lectures and you won't have to wait until after graduation to begin making a difference in the lives of students and communities. Opportunities abound to pursue meaningful, fulfilling experiences that allow students to both learn and contribute.

Programs for students at every career stage

Our graduate programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population that includes full-time and part-time students, people re-entering the paid work force after raising a family, and recent recipients of bachelor's or master's degrees preparing for advanced positions in the field of education.