



William & Mary
School of Education

M.A.ED. – ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Transform young lives. Teach.

Do you dream of making a difference in the lives of children? Make it a reality with an M.A.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction with a concentration in Elementary Education from William & Mary. Our program focuses on integrating theory, research and practice so that in one year, you'll be ready to step into the classroom with the knowledge, skills and strategies to confidently teach diverse student populations. Get ready to unlock your potential—and that of your students.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: People who wish to teach grades PK-6 who are not already certified to teach.

Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree

Course requirements: Full-time, 12-month program consisting of 42 credits including practicum and student teaching experiences

Entry term: Summer (Classes typically begin the day after Memorial Day)

Fieldwork: Fall practicum (minimum of 60 hours) and a 10-week immersive teaching experience in the spring.

FIELD EXPERIENCES

In addition to study of educational foundations and methods courses in elementary subject fields, you will spend time in real classrooms throughout the program, observing and interacting with students in both lower and upper elementary grades.

Fall practicum: You'll be placed in a local school with a cooperating teacher mentor to complete a minimum of 60 hours. Coursework is linked to the practica experiences, with faculty supporting students as they become immersed in the classroom.

Spring student teaching: Students continue working in the same classroom for their spring student teaching experience. This full-time teaching internship provides an intensive and critical component of your preparation as a teacher.

COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

SEMESTER ONE (Summer – 12 credits)

- Foundations of education
- Educational psychology and development
- Teacher, schools and community
- Literacy planning, instruction and assessment (A)

SEMESTER TWO (Fall – 15 credits)

- Literacy planning, instruction and assessment (B)
- Social studies planning, instruction and assessment
- Science planning, instruction and assessment
- Mathematics planning, instruction and assessment
- Characteristics of and supports for exceptional student populations

SEMESTER THREE (Spring – 15 credits)

- Classroom organization and management
- ESL curriculum design: Teaching ELLs in the U.S.
- Supervised student teaching experience
- Student teaching seminar

LEARN MORE

Questions about the Elementary Education program? Contact the program director:
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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 and special education. Graduates of our teacher preparation programs are highly sought by school districts throughout Virginia and across the nation.

William & Mary's department of Curriculum & Instruction is preparing tomorrow's educational leaders by providing a leading-edge and 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. – Elementary Education
- M.A.Ed. – Secondary Education: English, Mathematics, Science or Social Studies
- M.A.Ed. – ESL/Bilingual Education
- Dual Endorsement – ESL/Bilingual Education
- M.A.Ed. – Special Education
- Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorder

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL:

- B.A.Ed. – Elementary Education (optional concentrations in ESL/Bilingual and Special Education)
- Education as a second major (Elementary, Secondary)
- 5 Year BA to M.A.Ed. (Elementary, Secondary, ESL, Special)
- Minor in Educational Studies

APPLY NOW

Applications are due by January 15.

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

With just over 650 students, 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

Study at a campus that offers more than 300 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 a lecture hall 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.