Become a teacher and an advocate.

Do you dream of making a difference in the lives of young people? Make it a reality with an M.A.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction with a concentration in Secondary Education. 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.

FAST FACTS

Designed for: People who wish to teach in grades 6-12 and are not already certified to teach.

Prerequisite: Bachelor’s degree in target subject area (English, mathematics, science, history or social science)

Course requirements: Full-time, 12-month program consisting of a minimum 41 credits including field experiences

Entry term: Summer

Fieldwork: Fall clinical field experience (minimum of 60 hours) and a 15-week immersive teaching experience in the spring.

FIELD EXPERIENCES

In addition to study of educational foundations and methods courses in the subject fields you will teach, you will spend time in real classrooms throughout the program in a diverse range of school settings:

Fall clinical field experience: You’ll be placed in a local school with a cooperating teacher mentor to complete a minimum of 60 hours of observation and interaction. 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)
- Educational foundations
- Educational psychology
- Teacher as inquirer
- Teacher, schools and community

SEMESTER TWO (Fall – 15-18 credits)
- Curriculum and instruction strategies for subject specific area
- Exceptional and diverse student populations
- Digital humanities or STEM technology
- Reading and writing across disciplines
- Classroom field experiences

SEMESTER THREE (Spring – 14-15 credits)
- Classroom organization and management
- Curriculum planning and assessment
- Student teaching experience

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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.

**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.