Gifted Endorsement Courses
FAQs

What courses are included in the endorsement sequence?
There are four graduate level courses and a practicum in the sequence. The four courses (3 credit hours each) are as follows:
- CRIN G80 Psychology and Education of the Gifted Learner
- CRIN G82 Social and Emotional Development and Guidance of the Gifted Learner
- EPPL 612 Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted Learners
- EPPL 670 Programs and Models in Gifted Education

Is the required practicum a separate course and how is that requirement fulfilled?
Each individual division determines the practicum requirement. There are two options:
- CRIN G84 Practicum in Gifted Education- At least 45 instructional hours of successful teaching experience with gifted students in a public or an accredited school.
- In lieu of the practicum, one year of successful, full-time teaching experience with gifted students may be accepted provided the teacher is assigned a mentor holding a valid license with an endorsement in gifted education.

What is the cost per course or credit hour?
The cost per credit hour is based on the current semester tuition, currently $500 per credit hour. The School of Education may provide an in-kind contribution for classes, reducing the cost for school division cohorts. In addition, if the instructor travels to the school division for on-site classes, there will be an added cost.

Can courses be offered on-site at a school division?
Yes, the courses can be offered on-site if the school division has a location for the classes to take place.

Can courses be delivered online or in a hybrid/blended format?
Yes, the courses are offered in both online and hybrid/blended format (part online, part in person). The division cohort determines the format of the courses.

Who teaches the courses?
Instructors have either a Ph.D. or Ed.D., have significant experience in gifted education, and are chosen by the Director of the Center for Gifted Education.

How is a cohort formed?
Division Gifted Coordinators work with the School of Education to form a cohort of 12 or more educators from the division that take the required courses in sequence as a group. If a division does not have 12 educators, two divisions may combine to form a cohort. For more information please contact Dr. Ashley Y. Carpenter at aycarpenter@wm.edu or 757-221-2588.

Does this endorsement sequence meet Virginia requirements?
Yes, the courses and practicum described above meet Virginia requirements for an add-on endorsement in gifted education. Upon successful completion of all courses and practicum requirements, the educator must go through their division to apply for the add-on endorsement with transcripts from William & Mary and information the division provides. The College of William and Mary does not provide the add-on licensure.