

# SPECIAL EDUCATION - GENERAL CURRICULUM - ADD-ON ENDORSEMENT - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**Important:** This certificate plan is effective for those starting in the fall 2024 through summer 2025. This certificate plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change certificates.

Upon completion of this program, the Add-On Endorsement in Special Education General Curriculum is an option for those who:

1. Have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and
2. Hold a current teaching license issued by the Virginia Board of Education in one of the following endorsement areas:
  - - Elementary Education
  - - Middle Grades Education with endorsement(s) in English, history and social sciences, mathematics, or science
  - - Secondary Grades Education with endorsement(s) in English, history and social sciences, mathematics, biology, chemistry, Earth science, or physics

This Special Education General Curriculum Add-on Endorsement only applies to the grade band of the initial license (e.g., Elementary Education).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3
EDLC 554	Reading and Language Acquisition	3
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3
EDSP 525	Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners <sup>1,2</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course should not be taken in the summer terms  
<sup>2</sup> EDSP 545, EDSP 546, or EDSP 547 should be taken in the same semester as EDSP 525

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Field Experience Course</b>		
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>		
EDSP 545	Practicum in Special Education for Add-On Endorsement – Elementary <sup>1,2,3</sup>	0
EDSP 546	Practicum in Special Education for Add-On Endorsement – Middle <sup>1,2,3</sup>	0
EDSP 547	Practicum in Special Education for Add-On Endorsement – Secondary <sup>1,2,3</sup>	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course should not be taken in the summer terms

<sup>2</sup> EDSP 545, EDSP 546, or EDSP 547 should be taken in the same semester as EDSP 525  
<sup>3</sup> Candidates will complete a 45 hour practicum

## Notes

- Students who want to apply certificate courses to a graduate degree program will have to abide by the GPA and grade requirements of that degree

## Completion Requirements

- 15 total hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable
- 2.0 GPA
- No grade of D may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Certificate must be completed within 3 years
- Submission of Certificate Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Program Offered in Online Format