

# 5-Year Undergraduate-Graduate Programs in Education

Website: <http://education.umw.edu>

## Why the education programs at UMW?

- Strong preparation
- Small classes taught by excellent faculty
- Student-focused faculty
- Extensive and varied field experiences
- Internships in nearby schools
- Excellent reputation
- Graduates in high demand. Our student get jobs.

- Master of Science in Elementary Education
- Master of Education in Secondary Education
- Master of Education in PreK-12 Education
- Master of Education in Special Education:  
General Curriculum
- Master of Education in Special Education:  
Adapted Curriculum

- A student in *any* major can earn a five-year undergraduate-graduate degree
- *Education is not a major in Virginia*
- Students complete education courses as part of their undergraduate degree
- After earning a bachelor's degree and graduating with their class, students return for a fifth year of graduate education courses, an internship and a research study

## **Master of Science in Elementary Education**

- You can teach: Elementary students, grades Pre-K-6

## **Master of Education in Secondary Education**

- You can teach: Middle and High school students, grades 6-12
- What Subjects Can You Teach?
  - **Computer Science**
  - **English** (Add on Endorsement: Theatre Arts and Communication)
  - **History and Social Sciences**
  - **Sciences** (Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, Biology)
  - **Mathematics**
  - Add-on Endorsements: **Algebra I**

## Master of Education in Pre-K-12 Education

- You can teach: Elementary, middle and high school students, grades PreK-12
- What Subjects Can You Teach?
  - **Foreign Languages** (Spanish, French, Latin, or German)
  - **Music** (Instrumental and/or Vocal)
  - **Theatre Arts**
  - **Visual Arts**

## **Master of Education in Special Education: General Curriculum**

- You can teach: Students in Grades K-12 with learning disabilities, emotional/behavior disorders, high-functioning, autism spectrum disorders, and mild intellectual disabilities in school settings.

## **Master of Education in Special Education: Adapted Curriculum**

- You can teach: Students in Grades K-12 with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities and low-functioning autism spectrum disorders.



- **Teach in...**
  - Virginia public schools and across the country
  - Private schools
  - Parochial schools
  - International schools
  - Montessori schools
  - Charter schools
  - Department of Defense schools
  - Museums
  - Countries, such as Chile, Ghana, Morocco, and Thailand and Turkey

- **Receive...**
  - Jobs of their choice
  - Teacher of the Year awards
  - Educator of the Year awards
  - Fulbright scholarships
  - Peace Corps assignments

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- **Are there scholarships?**
  - Yes. The College of Education offers over 15 scholarships for undergraduate students and four scholarships for master's level students.

- **Will I be able to teach in another state?**
  - Yes, Virginia does have reciprocity agreements with many other states.
  - You might have to take one or two courses or exams during your first few years of teaching in that state.

- Attend a Group Information Session offered each semester as well as during Freshmen Orientation
- Take 12 credits of UMW courses
- Earn GPA:  $\geq 2.5$
- Submit application for EDUC 203 or 204 by the deadline
  - Oct 1, for Spring
  - Feb 1, for Fall
    - Late applications will be accepted on space available basis
- Demonstrate basic skills competencies:
  - Pass Praxis Core or equivalent tests

**Note: You may turn in your application by the deadline *even* if you have not yet received your qualifying scores. Your passing scores must be turned into Anna Perdue before you can be admitted to the College of Education.**

- Attend a Group Information Session offered each semester as well as during Transfer Orientation
- Earn GPA:  $\geq 3.25$
- Submit application for EDUC 203 or 204 by the deadline
  - Dec 1, for Spring
  - May 1, for Fall
    - Late applications will be accepted on space available basis
- Demonstrate basic skills competencies:
  - Pass Praxis Core or equivalent tests

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## Do you have the Qualifying Substitute Test Scores for Praxis Core?

- **Option 1: You are exempt with your SAT or ACT scores –**

**SAT** Passing: Total score of 1100 with a minimum score of 530 Verbal and 530

Math or **ACT** Passing: Composite score of 24 with a minimum Math score of 22 and a English + Reading score of no less than 46

*If you don't have the passing scores, then...*

- **Option 2: Complete the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) plus Math Score –** A composite VCLA score of 470 (Reading + Writing) may be substituted for Praxis Core Reading and Writing exams. Math proficiency must be demonstrated by one of the following:
  - Praxis Core Math score greater than or equal to 150
  - SAT Math score greater than or equal to 530
  - ACT Math score greater than or equal to 22

**The Qualifying Test Scores are required for all Virginia Teacher Preparation programs.**



- “I got the job I wanted.”
- “I was more prepared than other teachers in my school.”
- “Faculty provided the support I needed.”
- “I understand data and research in my field.”
- “I am a successful educator.”

**It's a Great Day to be an Eagle!**