

Routes to Virginia Teacher Licensure: College Verification Form Options for Special Education-Adapted Curriculum, K-12

Individuals submitting for VA teacher licensure can meet state competency requirements for teacher licensure either by completing a VDOE pre-approved university program (option 1 below) or by submitting their transcripts to the state for course review (options 2 & 3). Upon completion of students' coursework at Mason, students request a College Verification form indicating whether or not they completed a VDOE pre-approved university program. There are 3 options that the Mason licensure specialist can indicate on the college verification form.

College Verification form indicates:	VDOE Pre-approved Licensure Certificate Program ¹	Alternate route to licensure via state review (not through university certificate program) – Student works with school HR to determine how licensure requirements will be met per VDOE review	
	Option 1 Completion of pre-approved university program	Option 2 Completion of all requirements of pre-approved university program <i>except internship</i>	Option 3 Did not complete pre-approved university program
Courses required in addition to the Spec Educ-Gen Curriculum university certificate course requirements	No - <i>Note</i> : students must earn B- or better in all licensure coursework.	VDOE <i>may</i> require additional coursework; <i>Note</i> : students must earn B- or better in all Mason licensure coursework.	VDOE <i>will likely</i> require additional coursework
Supervised classroom experience	2 internships <i>OR</i> 1 internship & 1 waiver	1 year teaching experience / must meet VDOE requirements	1 year teaching experience / must meet VDOE requirements
Praxis Core or VDOE approved substitute or full VA teaching license	Yes	Yes	No
VCLA required unless special education will not be “initial” VA license and student is eligible for a state exemption	Yes	Yes	Yes
Graduate Secondary Certificate Program Application form required - must be declared at least 1 semester before graduating	Yes	Yes	No
Emergency first aid, CPR & use of AED training	Must meet Mason criteria	Must meet HR criteria	Must meet HR criteria
Graduation from university certificate program	Yes	No	No
State Reciprocity	May be easier to obtain licensure in other states	Depends on state	Depends on state
Mason College Verification form	Marked “yes” completed full pre-approved licensure program	Marked “no” but completed all but internship	Marked “no” did not complete a university licensure program

¹George Mason University College of Education and Human Development is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). All licensure programs are approved by the Virginia Department of Education. George Mason University will verify completion of the requirements of a Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) state-approved preparation program at the graduate or undergraduate level. Such verification does not guarantee the issuance of Virginia Collegiate Professional, Postgraduate Professional, or Pupil Personnel license from the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is solely the student's responsibility to comply with all requirements for licensure by the Commonwealth. Under Virginia law a social security number is required for licensure.