

Routes to Virginia Teacher Licensure: College Verification Form Options for Special Education-General 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.

	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 per VDOE requirements	1 year teaching experience per meet VDOE requirements
Praxis Core or VDOE approved substitute or full VA teaching license	Required	Required	Not Required
VCLA or eligible for a state exemption	Required	Required	Required
RVE or eligible for a state exemption	Required	Required	Required
Graduate Secondary Certificate Program form	Required	Required	No
Emergency first aid, CPR & use of AED training	Must meet Mason criteria	Must meet HR criteria	Must meet HR criteria
Graduation from university <i>certificate</i> 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.