

Military Career Transition Program Graduate

Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose

Institutional Mission Reference

The Military Career Transition Program (MCTP) offers armed forces personnel and other authorized persons a comprehensive teacher education program that leads to both a Master's Degree and Virginia state licensure. This program supports the University's mission of providing advanced professional education to residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Washington State.

Institutional Goal(s) Supported

The MCTP supports the university's goals of providing (a) Graduate programs focused on society's need for advanced professional education, (b) quality teaching, (c) opportunities for life-long learning, and (d) distance learning. Additionally, the MCTP supports Old Dominion University's Strategic Initiative 2: Providing excellent graduate programs that offer exceptional opportunities for scholarship, research, creative work and service. Strategic Initiative 5: Increasing the range and quality of its academic programs and support services offered at distance education sites and higher education centers.

Intended Educational (Student) Outcomes, Methods for Assessment, Criteria for Success, Assessment Results, and Use of Results

Intended Outcome 1

Content Area Knowledge: Students completing the Master's of Education with licensure through the MCTP will demonstrate competency in the content area(s) in which they are preparing to teach.

Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success: All students (100%) will demonstrate subject matter knowledge/competency by satisfactory meeting the Virginia requirements for PRAXIS I (PPST) and PRAXIS II content area required examination.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 1: 100% of Master's with Licensure candidates passed Praxis I. Of those required to take Praxis II, 100% successfully met state passing score.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 1 and Criterion for Success: Student achieves a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on content area coursework required for licensure.

Intended Outcome 2

Exemplary and Diverse Instructional Skills: Students will effectively use a variety of instructional skills to organize, plan, and deliver age-appropriate instruction for their intended licensure areas.

Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: 95% of MCTP Master's with Licensure graduates will meet or exceed standards in all areas assessed within the Instructional Development Scale.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 2: All MCTP Master's with Licensure graduates met or exceeded standards.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 2 and Criterion for Success: Students who are provisionally employed will (a) submit a portfolio for supervisory review and (b) earn a continuing contract upon completion of the school district evaluation.

Intended Outcome 3

Student Assessment Skills: All Program participants will demonstrate/use age- appropriate assessment skills and criteria to identify the learning need of children and the appropriate instructional strategies for meeting their diverse needs.

Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: 95% of all MCTP Master's of Education with Licensure graduates will meet or exceed standards regarding Feedback and Impact on Student Learning identified in the Instructional Development Scale.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 3: All MCTP Master's of Education with Licensure graduates met and/or exceeded standards.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 3 and Criterion for Success: Students who are provisionally employed will (a) submit a portfolio for supervisory review and (b) earn a continuing contract upon completion of the school district evaluation.

Intended Outcome 4

Oral and Written Communication Skills: Students will demonstrate effective communication skills both orally and in writing with children, families (parents/guardians), colleagues, and supervisory personnel.

Method for Assessing Outcome 4 and Criterion for Success: All Master's candidates will pass a writing proficiency exam as part of the Foundations and Practicum requirement. 95% of all Master's with Licensure graduates will meet or exceed Communication Skills standards within the Professional Attribute Scale.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 4: 100% of Master's with Licensure students successfully completed and passed Foundations and Practicum course. All Master's with licensure graduates met and/or exceeded Communication Skills standards.

Intended Outcome 5

All students completing the graduate program with MCTP will be prepared as professional educators meeting the requirements of a highly qualified teacher.

Method for Assessing Outcome 5 and Criterion for Success: 95% of MCTP employed, licensed graduates will achieve a rating of "satisfactory" or higher on the Employer Survey.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 5: Intended date of completion of Employer Survey is Fall 2003.

Intended Outcome 6

Students completing the graduate program in Education through the MCTP will demonstrate an understanding of the knowledge, skills, and processes needed to support learner achievement.

Method for Assessing Outcome 6 and Criterion for Success: MCTP students will maintain an overall GPA of 3.8 or better throughout the graduate program.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 6: Master's with Licensure graduates maintained an average GPA of 3.86. Master's only students maintained an average GPA of 3.97.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 6 and Criterion for Success: 98% of students will pass the MCTP comprehensive exam.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected, Alternate Method for Outcome 6: 99% of all students taking the MCTP comprehensive exam passed.

Intended Outcome 7

All Master's with Licensure and Master's only candidates will successfully complete required educational and field-based experiences in a public education classroom setting.

Method for Assessing Outcome 7 and Criterion for Success: Master's with Licensure and Master's only students will complete an early field experience within Foundations and Practicum course. All Master's with Licensure candidates will complete a clinical teacher internship.

Summary of Assessment Data Collected for Outcome 7: 94% of Master's with Licensure candidates successfully completed clinical teacher internship. 100% of Master's with Licensure and Master's only candidates passed Foundations and Practicum course.

Alternate Method for Assessing Outcome 7 and Criterion for Success: Employed teachers will submit current employment information to verify classroom experience.