ROUTES TO LICENSURE FOR STUDENTS IN 4+1 PROGRAMS

Upon completing the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies - Teacher Preparation with a concentration in either Early Childhood Education or Primary Elementary Education, you must complete licensure requirements through the Darden College of Education by choosing either a 5th year accelerated master’s program or a post-baccalaureate endorsement program.

Option 1: 5th year Accelerated Masters

Those who choose the 5th-year Master’s program will earn a master’s degree while completing licensure requirements in either Early Childhood or Elementary Education. These programs consist of 31 total credits (including student teaching) and can be completed in as little as 3-4 full-time semesters. You must submit a Graduate admissions application and qualify for admission in one of two ways: Fast-Track or Regular.

**Fast-Track Admission:**
- You must have a 3.3 minimum overall undergraduate GPA;
- You must meet the prescribed VBOE assessment requirement in one of the following ways:
  1. Passing scores on EACH of the three sections of Praxis I by December 31, 2013: (R-178, M-178, W-176), OR
  2. Passing scores on EACH of the three sections of Praxis Core effective January 1, 2014: (R-156, M-150, W-162), OR
  3. A combination of passed Praxis I scores by December 31, 2013 and passed Praxis Core scores beginning January 1, 2014, OR
  4. Passing SAT or ACT scores as established by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**PLEASE NOTE: VCLA composite scores combined with any approved math scores will not be considered for Fast-Track Admission.**

**Regular Admission:**
- 2.8 minimum overall undergraduate GPA;
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score of at least 290 verbal + quantitative sections with a minimum verbal component of 146, OR a Miller's Analogies Test (MAT) minimum score of 399.

Option 2: Post-baccalaureate Endorsement Program

Those who choose the Post-baccalaureate Endorsement program will complete licensure requirements in either Early Childhood or Elementary Education without the additional courses required for the master’s degree. These programs consist of 13-28 graduate credit hours and can be completed in as little as 2-3 part-time semesters. NOTE: Students who complete the post-baccalaureate endorsement program are not eligible to enter the 5th year program. Students may be eligible to enter other master’s programs available, provided they meet program requirements.

**Requirements for Admission into the Post-baccalaureate Endorsement program:**
- An overall grade point average of 2.75
- Passing Praxis I/Praxis Core scores.