Certifications required for licensure

Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training

Individuals seeking an initial license and license renewal must complete training in child abuse recognition and intervention in accordance with curriculum guidelines approved by the Virginia Board of Education. This training is completed and verified through specific professional education courses in Old Dominion University's approved teacher education programs. IDS Teacher Prep majors will complete this training while taking SPED 313. Students admitted in an approved teacher preparation program and who transfer courses that meet the child abuse and neglect requirement must provide documentation that they have met the recognition of child abuse and neglect standards.

Once you have completed the online training, you will receive a certificate stating that you have met the Virginia Department of Education mandated requirement. A copy of this certificate should be submitted to the Virginia Department of Education, your local hiring school division, or the ODU Teacher Education Services Office, ED 2345, when applying for licensure.

Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training Curriculum Guidelines were developed by the Virginia Board of Education and the Department of Social Services and amended by the General Assembly, January 30, 2004.

First Aid/CPR/AED

Effective September 1, 2017, certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators that is required of every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license as a teacher shall include hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidenced-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator.

The training consists of two parts:

Taking the Online Course

Completing the Skills training

Persons with a disability whose disability prevents them from completing the certification or training may submit a request for a waiver for this requirement.

Dyslexia Awareness Training

Effective July 1, 2017, every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall complete awareness training, provided by the Virginia Department of Education, on the indicators of dyslexia, as that term is defined by the board pursuant to regulations, and the evidence-based interventions and accommodations for dyslexia. This module is accessible from PCs and Mac computers. Viewing on an iPad or smartphone requires the download of the free "mobile player." Users should complete the module in one session and have access to a printer.

For additional information about completing these certifications required for licensure, contact Teacher Education Services at 757-683-3348 or visit the required assessments webpage: www.odu.edu/success/academic/teacher-education/val