The college is committed to excellence, innovation, and collaboration in research and the preparation of professionals for the highest levels of practice and service in diverse schools, organizations, and communities.

CEHD provides leadership in transforming schools, organizations, and communities through research, teaching, and collaboration. CEHD faculty members prepare scholars and practitioners through multidisciplinary programs of study that facilitate the understanding, integration, and application of knowledge. Through research activities, faculty and students expand and refine the knowledge base for teaching and learning. In response to the richness and complexity of a pluralistic society, CEHD infuses diversity into academic programs and research. The faculty develops and supports knowledgeable, caring, and reflective professionals who facilitate excellence and equity for all learners. CEHD students and faculty demonstrate their growth and development in ways meaningful to their communication and professional organizations. Innovative programs and the integration of technology provide opportunities for students to develop, examine, evaluate, and practice professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

Undergraduate Degrees, Minors, and Certificates
CEHD offers undergraduate degrees, minors, and certificates. The School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism within the College of Education and Human Development collaborates with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Business, the College of Science, the Volgenau School of Engineering, the College of Visual and Performing Arts, and the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution to offer seven minors in interdisciplinary areas of study. Students may elect to take a minor in addition to their major field of study. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

In addition, CEHD collaborates with the College of Science (Departments of Atmospheric, Oceanic, and Earth Sciences; Biology; Chemistry and Biochemistry; Mathematical Sciences; and Physics and Astronomy) to offer undergraduate secondary education certificates and the College of Visual and Performing Arts (Schools of Music and Theater) to provide programs in music and theater education that can lead to VA teaching licensure. CEHD also collaborates with School of Integrative Studies to support three interdisciplinary degree concentrations which prepare students for graduate study in education.

Graduate Degrees and Certificates
CEHD offers one doctoral degree, as well as master's degrees and graduate certificates.
meet all priority deadlines. Re-admission is not guaranteed and transfer credit is awarded based upon course equivalencies in effect at the time of re-admission. Courses previously attempted at Mason (including withdrawals) cannot be taken elsewhere.

**Professional Teacher Licensure**

CEHD is responsible for professional courses, special standards, and licensure recommendations for students completing state-approved (Virginia) licensure programs that prepare teachers, administrators, counselors, and related-instructional personnel.

Initial teacher licensure is available at the undergraduate level in secondary education: biology, chemistry, earth science, health and physical education, mathematics, physics, English, and music. Initial teacher licensure is available at the graduate level in art, early childhood, elementary, English as a second language, foreign language, secondary, and theatre arts. The Special Education Program offers initial teacher licensure exclusively through graduate certificates that include Early Childhood Special Education, Visual Impairments, General Curriculum, and Adapted Curriculum.

For more information please contact the CEHD Office of Admissions (Thompson Hall, Suite 2200; 703-993-2892; cehdgrad@gmu.edu). Additional information is available online (http://cehd.gmu.edu/admissions).

**Notes on Background Checks and Licensure:**

The majority of Mason CEHD programs require multiple field experiences. Our school and agency partners require Mason students to be fingerprinted and pass a criminal background check prior to field experience work. Students must assume the risk that classes may be deferred and their program delayed due to the individual severity of notations on such a check and review by individual agencies.

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.

**Academic Units**

- Graduate School of Education
- School of Recreation, Health, and Tourism