

# SPECIAL EDUCATION GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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## Adapted Curriculum K-12

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## Available Concentrations

### Concentration in Adapted Curriculum (K-12)

This 36-credit concentration offers required coursework for Virginia teacher licensure in Special Education: Adapted Curriculum. This concentration prepares individuals to work with students who have severe disabilities and who require significant support and specialized instruction to make progress in communication skills, reading, math, and life skills.

### Concentration in General Curriculum (K-12)

This 33-credit concentration offers required coursework for Virginia teacher licensure to individuals who will be working with students with disabilities who access the general curriculum. The concentration prepares individuals to work with students with disabilities who take Standards of Learning tests (SOLs).

### Concentration in Visual Impairments Licensure (PK-12)

This concentration has been approved as a standalone Graduate Certificate program (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/visual-impairments-licensure-pk-12-graduate-certificate/>), with an initiation term of Fall 2021.

## Admissions & Policies

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## Policies

Students who have completed graduate or undergraduate coursework equivalent to certificate coursework prior to admission to this program may request that some courses in this certificate be waived. Students who are eligible to waive coursework must complete a minimum of 15 credits to graduate. Students must earn a B- or better in all coursework.

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

## Requirements

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## Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 33-36

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Students pursuing this graduate certificate may choose from either of the following concentrations:

### Concentration in Adapted Curriculum (K-12) (ADCU)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Coursework</b>		
EDSE 501	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDSE 531	Transition and Community-Based Instruction	3
EDSE 532	Positive Behavior Supports	3
EDSE 533	Assessment and Program Planning for Adapted Curriculum	3
EDSE 534	Communication and Severe Disabilities	3
EDSE 547	Characteristics of Students with Severe Disabilities	3
EDSE 557	Foundations of Language and Literacy for Diverse Learners	3
EDSE 661	Curriculum and Methods: Severe Disabilities	3
EDSE 663	Collaborative Teamwork to Support Students with Significant Disabilities	3
EDSE 669	Individualized Supports and Specialized Care of Students with Severe Disabilities	3
6 credits of Internship		6
EDSE 784	Internship: Adapted Curriculum	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

### Concentration in General Curriculum (K-12) (GECU)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Coursework</b>		
EDSE 501	Introduction to Special Education	3
EDSE 502	Classroom Management and Applied Behavior Analysis	3
EDSE 503	Language Development and Reading	3
EDSE 540	Characteristics of Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum	3
EDSE 544	Adapted Instructional Methods and Transition for Secondary Learners	3

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EDSE 627	Assessment	3
EDSE 628	Elementary Reading, Curriculum, Strategies for Students Who Access the General Education Curriculum	3
EDSE 629	Secondary Curriculum and Strategies for Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum	3
EDSE 662	Consultation and Collaboration	3
Six credits of		6
EDSE 783	Internship: Special Education in General Curriculum <sup>1</sup>	
Total Credits		33

<sup>1</sup> Must complete two 3-credit internships: one elementary placement and one secondary placement.