

COLLEGE TEACHING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (HE)

Banner Code: LA-CERG-CTCH

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The certificate in college teaching is designed for graduate students who are planning a career in undergraduate education. The program offers courses that enhance pedagogical skills and explore pedagogical assessment or scholarship with the use of technology in instruction.

This certificate program qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

Admissions & Policies

Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>).

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

Concentration in English Pedagogy

This concentration in the graduate certificate in college teaching requires 18 credits. Students must achieve a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course.

Concentration in Higher Education Pedagogy

This concentration in the graduate certificate in college teaching requires 18 credits.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 18

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

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students pursuing this graduate certificate must choose either a concentration in English pedagogy or a concentration in higher education pedagogy.

Concentration in English Pedagogy (EPGY)

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 610	Proseminar in Teaching the Reading of Literature	3
ENGH 615	Proseminar in Composition Instruction	3

Pedagogy Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		
ENGH 620	Topics in Pedagogy	3
ENGH 695	Northern Virginia Writing Project Inservice Program ¹	3
ENGH 697	Composition Theory	3
ENGH 699	Visiting Writers ²	3
LING 521	Applied Linguistics: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	3

Total Credits 12

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Offered only to full-time teachers through school district contracts.

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Topic must be NVWP Summer Institute; open to full-time teachers on an invitation basis.

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select content-area coursework that supports their goals in developing pedagogical expertise. ¹		
Total Credits		6

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Electives should be selected in consultation with an advisor.

Concentration in Higher Education Pedagogy (HEDP)

Core Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Choose 9 credits from the following courses:		
HE 602	College Teaching	3
HE 605	Learning Assessment	3
HE 703	Higher Education in the Digital Age	3
HE 704	The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning	3
HE 712	Assessment and Program Evaluation in Higher Education	3

Practicum

HE 685	Practicum	3
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Total Credits 12

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Choose 6 credits from the following courses:		
HE 601	The Community College	3
HE 606	Cultural Pluralism in Higher Education	3
HE 610	Research Methods in Higher Education	3
HE 641	Introduction to Helping Skills	3

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HE 645	The Contemporary College Student
HE 646	Student Development Theory
HE 706	Students in Postsecondary Education
HE 721	History of Higher Education
Other HE courses, when relevant, with approval of director or advisor	
Total Credits	6