

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.A.S. Early Childhood Development / B.S.Ed. Early  
Childhood Education for Diverse Learners - Early  
Childhood Special Education (Licensure),  
Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure), or No  
Concentration  
**2024-2025**

## A.A.S. Early Childhood Development

### ADVANCE Program Milestones

**ADVANCE Milestone Requirements:** All ADVANCE students must adhere to the following requirements. For Milestones #1-#3, failure to meet these milestones will prevent a student from matriculating to Mason and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#7, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to Mason.

1. Students must complete their NOVA degree within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students are highly encouraged to be continuously enrolled at NOVA/Mason to support progress towards degree completion.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA spring graduation by March 1 or summer graduation by June 1. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA fall graduation by October 1.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
5. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MDE or EDE courses (excluding summer).
6. In the first 30 credits, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
7. Students must complete a Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning course equivalent with a C or better no later than one semester before NOVA graduation. Refer to your pathway to select the appropriate MTH course(s).

#### **ADVANCE Program-Specific Requirements:**

##### **All Concentrations Require:**

1. Students must receive a C or better in all major courses for teacher licensure.
2. Licensure testing requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal code of Virginia.

##### **The Early/Primary Education PreK-3 Licensure or the Early Childhood Special Education and Early/Primary Education PreK-3 Dual Licensure concentrations also require:**

3. Students should meet with the Mason Content Area Advisor prior to matriculating: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>
4. Students must pass the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) and Praxis Elementary Multiple Subject prior to applying for Mason internship: <https://education.gmu.edu/teacher-track/test-requirements>. Praxis Teaching Reading Elementary (5205) will be due at time of Mason graduation.

##### **The Early Childhood Special Education Licensure concentration also requires:**

5. Students must pass the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) prior to applying for Mason internship: <https://education.gmu.edu/teacher-track/test-requirements>.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to Teaching ( <b>Strongly Recommended</b> )	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I <sup>1</sup>	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	EDU 235	3	EDU 235 Health, Safety, and Nutrition Education	ECED XXX	General Elective
4	CHD 165	3	CHD 165 Observation/Participation/Early Childhood/Primary Settings	ECED XXX	General Elective
5	CHD 120	3	CHD 120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education	ECED 201	Major
6	CHD 145	3	CHD 145 Teaching Art, Music, and Movement to Children	ECED XXX	General Elective
7	CHD 205	3	CHD 205 Guiding the Behavior of Children	ECED XXX	General Elective
8	CHD 118	3	CHD 118 Language Arts for Young Children	ECED XXX	General Elective
9	CHD 146	3	CHD 146 Math, Science, Social Studies for Children	ECED XXX	General Elective
10	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
11	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 101	Written Comm
12	CHD 216	3	CHD 216 Early Childhood Programs, School and Social Change	HDFS L300	General Elective
13	PSY 230	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211	General Elective
14	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	EDUC 200	General Elective
15	CHD 166	3	CHD 166 Infant and Toddler Programs	ECED XXX	General Elective

16	CHD 210	3	CHD 210 Introduction to Exceptional Children	ECED XXX	General Elective
17	BIO 101	4	BIO 101 General Biology I	BIOL 103/105	Nat Science
18	CHD 270	3	CHD 270 Administration of Childcare Programs	ECED XXX	General Elective
19	ENG 250	3	ENG 250 Children's Literature	ELED 258	Literature
20	HIS 121 or HIS 122	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877 <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 121 HIST 122	Soc/Behav
21	CHD 265	3	CHD 265 Adv. Observation/Participation/Early Childhood/Primary Settings	HDFS L498	General Elective
A.A.S. EARLY CHILDHOOD DEV. DEGREE TOTAL		62			
For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <a href="http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html">http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html</a>					
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Note: All coursework in the major requires a grade of C or better for licensure.					
MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT		Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT	
22	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm	
23	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 401 Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners, Birth-Adolescence	Major	
24	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 402 Foundations of Language and Literacy for Diverse Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Learners	Major	
25	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 403 Inclusive Curriculum for Young Learners: Planning Instruction and Guidance	Major	
26	Gen Ed: Natural Science (Lab)	4	Approved Natural Science with Lab <sup>2</sup> (Must be different discipline from above)	Nat Science	
27	Gen Ed: Global Global Contexts	3	Approved Global Contexts course <sup>2</sup> (GG5 101 recommended)	Global Contexts	
28	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth-Grade 6	Major	
29	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 411 Assessment of Diverse Young Learners	Writing Intensive	
30	Gen Ed: Arts	3	Approved Arts course <sup>2</sup>	Arts	
31	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology course <sup>2</sup>	Info Tech	
32	Gen Ed: Oral Communication	3	Approved Oral Communication course <sup>2</sup>	Oral Comm	
33	Gen Ed: Global History	3	Approved Global History course <sup>2</sup>	Global History	
Students must select one of the concentration options below. See Mason ECED advisor to plan courses by term.					
34	Concentration Requirements: No Concentration (Non-licensure)	12	Approved Upper-Level no-concentration or concentration course <sup>3</sup> (12 credits)	Major	
35	Concentration Requirements: Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure)	12	ECED 405 Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education ECED 406 Medical & Developmental Aspects of Disabilities of Diverse Young Learners ECED 422 Developing Language, Literacy, & Communication of Diverse Infants & Toddlers ECED 423 Early Intervention for Infants Toddlers with Disabilities: Collaborative & Consultative Approaches	Major	

36	Concentration Requirements: Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure)	15	ECED 412 Language & Literacy Assessment & Instruction for Diverse Primary Grade Learners ECED 413 Integrating Social Studies Across the Content Areas for Diverse Young Learners ECED 415 Mathematics for Diverse Young Learners ECED 416 Science for Diverse Young Learners MATH 110 Introductory Probability <b>OR</b> MATH 271 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I	Major
37	Gen Ed: Apex/Program Core Requirement	12	<b>EC Special Education Licensure concentration, PreK-3 Licensure:</b> ECED 490 Internship in Early Childhood Education <b>No Concentration:</b> ECED 492 Internship in Early Childhood Education (Non-Licensure)	Apex
38	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 491 Seminar in Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners	Major
<b>B.S.ED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEGREE TOTAL 126-129</b>				
<b><u>Important Academic Information:</u></b> <sup>1</sup> Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112. <sup>2</sup> For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> <sup>3</sup> For approved No Concentration course options, please visit: <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/early-childhood-education-diverse-learners-bsed/#requirements">https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/early-childhood-education-diverse-learners-bsed/#requirements</a>				
<b><u>Additional General Notes &amp; Resources:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/</a></li> <li>Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.</li> </ul>				