

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.A.S. Early Childhood Development / B.S.Ed. Inclusive Early Childhood Education Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure), Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure), or No Concentration  
**2026-2027**

## 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 George Mason University and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#7, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to George Mason.

1. Students must graduate with the NOVA degree aligned with their ADVANCE academic pathway within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students must ensure they are enrolled in the matching degree.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to George Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at George 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 George 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 college level math course 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 George Mason Content Area Advisor prior to matriculating: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>; [preteach@gmu.edu](mailto:preteach@gmu.edu)
4. Students must pass the Praxis Elementary Multiple Subject prior to applying for George Mason internship: <https://education.gmu.edu/teacher-track/test-requirements>. Praxis Teaching Reading Elementary (5205) will be due at time of George Mason graduation.

NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	GEORGE MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1 SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills OR SDV 101 Orientation to Teaching (Strongly Recommended)	UNIV 100	General Elective
2 ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	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 or MTH 155 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning	MATH 106 STAT 105T	Quantitative
11 ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH 101	Written Comm
12 CHD 216	3	CHD 216 Early Childhood Programs, School and Social Change	ECED XXX	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	ECED XXX	General Elective

**A.A.S. EARLY CHILDHOOD DEV. DEGREE TOTAL** 62

For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html>

**B.S.Ed Inclusive Early Childhood Education - Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure), Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure), or No Concentration**

Note: All coursework in the major requires a grade of C or better for licensure.

GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	GEORGE 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 Young Learners, Birth-Age 5	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>1</sup> ( <b>Must be different discipline from above</b> )	Nat Science
27 Gen Ed: Global Contexts	3	Approved Global Contexts course <sup>1</sup> (GGs 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>1</sup>	Arts
31 Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology course <sup>1</sup>	Info Tech
32 Gen Ed: Oral Communication	3	Approved Oral Communication course <sup>1</sup>	Oral Comm
33 Gen Ed: Global History	3	Approved Global History course <sup>1</sup>	Global History
<b>Students must select one of the concentration options below. See George Mason ECED advisor to plan courses by term.</b>			
34 Concentration Requirements: No Concentration (Non-licensure)	12	Approved Upper-Level no-concentration or concentration course <sup>2</sup> ( <b>12 credits</b> )	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	<b>Concentration Requirements: Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure)</b>	15	<p>ECED 412 Language &amp; Literacy Assessment &amp; Instruction for Diverse Primary Grade Learners</p> <p>ECED 413 Integrating Social Studies Across the Content Areas for Diverse Young Learners</p> <p>ECED 415 Mathematics for Diverse Young Learners</p> <p>ECED 416 Science for Diverse Young Learners</p> <p>MATH 110 Introductory Probability <b>OR</b></p> <p>MATH 271 Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers I</p>	Major
37	<b>Gen Ed: Apex/Program Core Requirement</b>	12	<p><b>EC Special Education Licensure concentration, PreK-3 Licensure concentration, and Dual Licensure Concentration:</b></p> <p>ECED 490 Internship in Early Childhood Education</p> <p><b>No Concentration:</b></p> <p>ECED 492 Internship in Early Childhood Education (Non-Licensure)</p> <p><b>Early Childhood Special Education Licensure concentration:</b></p> <p>ECED 493 Internship for Early Childhood Special Education</p>	Apex
38	<b>Program Core Requirements</b>	3	ECED 491 Behavior Management Seminar in Inclusive Early Childhood Education	Major

**B.S. ED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEGREE TOTAL 126-129**

**Important Academic Information:**

<sup>1</sup>For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>

<sup>2</sup>For approved No Concentration course options, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/inclusive-early-childhood-education-bsed/#requirementsstext>

**Additional General Notes & Resources:**

- For academic policies and procedures, please see George Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/>
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.