

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | GEORGE MASON PARTNERSHIP



A.S. Education: Elementary Education Major/  
B.S.Ed. Inclusive Early Childhood Education - All  
Concentrations  
**2026-2027**

## A.S. Education: Elementary Education Major

### 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 <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to Teaching	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
4	MTH 154 or MTH 161 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	EDU 207	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development	EDUC L302	General Elective
6	EDU 204	3	EDU 204 Teaching in Diverse Society	EDUC L301	General Elective
7	EDU 206	3	EDU 206 Classroom and Behavior Management	EDSE 251	General Elective
8	EDU 250	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education	EDSE 201	General Elective
9	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH 101	Written Comm
10	MTH 155 or MTH 245 or Higher	3	MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning <sup>1</sup> <b>OR</b> MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 105T STAT 250	General Elective
11	ENG 250	3	ENG 250 Children's Literature	ELED 258	Literature
12	BIO 101 OR ENV 121	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science	BIOL 103/105 EVPP 108/109	Nat Science
13	CST 100 or CST 110	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
14	HIS 121 or 121	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877 <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 121 HIST 122	General Elective
15	EDU 280	3	EDU 280 Introduction to Instructional Technologies	ELED 257	Info Tech

16	CHM 101 OR GOL 105 OR GOL 106 OR PHY150	4	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> PHY 150 Elements of Astronomy	CHEM 103 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 ASTR 103/114	Nat Science
17	HIS 111 or HIS 112	3	HIS 111 World Civilization Pre-1500 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 112 History Civilization post-1500 CE ( <i>recommended</i> )	HIST L387 HIST 125	Global History
18	GEO 220	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography	GGG 101	General Elective
19	PLS 135 OR PLS 136	3	PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 136 State and Local Government and Politics	GOVT 103 GOVT L304	General Elective
20	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic <b>OR</b> ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 200 ARTH 201 MUSI 101	Arts

**A.S. EDUCATION DEGREE**

**TOTAL** 60

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

**B.S.Ed. Inclusive Early Childhood Education -  
All Concentrations**

	GEORGE MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	GEORGE MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
22	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 201 Introduction to Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners	Major
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 & Guidance	Major
26	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth-Grade 6	Major
27	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 411 Assessment of Diverse Young Learners	Writing Intensive
<b>Students must select one of the concentration options below. See George Mason ECED advisor to plan courses by term.</b>				
28	Concentration Requirements: No Concentration (Non-licensure)	24	Approved Upper-Level no-concentration or concentration course ( <b>12 credits</b> ) <sup>2</sup> General Elective as needed to complete degree ( <b>12 credits</b> )	Major or General Elective
29	Concentration Requirements: Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure)	24	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 General Electives as needed to complete degree ( <b>12 credits</b> )	Major or General Elective
30	Concentration Requirements: Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure)	24	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 General electives as needed to complete the degree ( <b>12 credits</b> )	Major or General Elective

31	<b>Concentration Requirements: Early Childhood Special Education &amp; Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Dual Licensure)</b>	24	ECED 405 Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education ECED 406 Medical & Developmental Aspects of Disabilities of Diverse Young Learners 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 ECED 422 Developing Language, Literacy, & Communication of Diverse Infants & Toddlers ECED 423 Early Intervention for Infants Toddlers with Disabilities: Collaborative & Consultative Approaches	Major or General Elective
32	<b>Gen Ed: Apex/Program Core Requirement</b>	12	<b>EC Special Education Licensure concentration, PreK-3 Licensure concentration, and Dual Licensure Concentration:</b> ECED 490 Internship in Early Childhood Education <b>No Concentration:</b> ECED 492 Internship in Early Childhood Education (Non-Licensure) <b>Early Childhood Special Education Licensure concentration:</b> ECED 493 Internship for Early Childhood Special Education	Apex
33	<b>Program Core Requirements</b>	3	ECED 491 Behavior Management Seminar in Inclusive Early Childhood	Major

**B.S.ED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEGREE TOTAL** 120

**Important Academic Information:**

<sup>1</sup>Students who plan to take MTH 245 should take MTH 154 or MTH 161 first. Credit will not be awarded for both MTH 155 and MTH 245.

<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/#requirementstext> .

**General Education Waiver Policy and Guidance:**

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, or AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories, which can be found here: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/> . To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the George Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
- When a course fulfills a Mason Core requirement **and** a major or college requirement (e.g. Major & Quant), students must complete the course listed on the pathway to fulfill the major/college requirement. Courses that fulfill only Mason Core Foundation and Exploration categories are recommendations. In most pathways, ADVANCE students must complete a Quantitative Reasoning course to matriculate through ADVANCE.
- ADVANCE students must complete the associate degree indicated on their pathway (see the ADVANCE Program Milestones listed above). Students who withdraw from ADVANCE and transfer without the associate degree or UCGS are required to complete each Mason Core general education category.

**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.