

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Education/ B.S.Ed. Early Childhood Education
for Diverse Learners - All Concentrations

2024-2025

A.S. Education

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 OR SDV 101 Orientation to Teaching	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I ¹	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	EDU 207 or PSY 230	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	EDUC L302 PSYC211	General Elective
4	MTH 154 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science	BIOL 103/105 EVPP 108/109	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
7	HIS Course	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 121 HIST 122	General Elective
8	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Foundations of Education	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
9	MTH 245 or Higher	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	Major
10	Science Course #2	4	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	CHEM 103 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	Nat Science
11	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm

12	Education Elective #1	3	EDU 280 Introduction to Instructional Technologies	ELED 257	Info Tech
13	ENG Literature	3	ENG 250 Children's Literature	ELED 258	Literature
14	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography	GGS 101	General Elective
15	Education Elective #2	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE OR HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post 1600 CE OR HIS 112 History Civilization post-1500 CE (<i>recommended</i>)	HIST 101T HIST 102T HIST 125	Global History
16	EDU 250	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education	EDSE 201	General Elective
17	EDU 204	3	EDU 204 Teaching in Diverse Society	EDUC L301	General Elective
18	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic OR ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern OR MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 200 ARTH 201 MUSI 101	Arts
19	Education Elective #3	3	ECED 201 Introduction to Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners (co-enrollment course) OR CHD 120 Introduction to Early Childhood Education ²	ECED 201	Major
20	Education Elective #4	3	ASL 125 History of the U.S. Deaf Community OR ECO 150 Economic Essentials: Theory and Application OR ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR EDU 206 Classroom and Behavioral Management OR EDU 270 Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder OR ENG 200 Introduction to Linguistics OR HIS 141 African American History OR HIS 281 History of Virginia OR PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics OR PLS 136 State and Local Government and Politics OR PSY 200 Principles of Psychology OR REL 230 Religions of the World	GENL XXX ECON 100 ECON 104 ECON 103 EDUC XXX EDSE XXX LING L306 HIST L335 HIST L391 GOVT 103 GOVT L304 PSYC 100 RELI 100	General Elective

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TOTAL 60

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

B.S.Ed Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners - All Concentrations

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
22	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 401 Developmental Pathways of Diverse Learners, Birth-Adolescence	Major
23	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 402 Foundations of Language & Literacy for Diverse Prekindergarten & Kindergarten Learners	Major
24	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 403 Inclusive Curriculum for Young Learners: Planning Instruction & Guidance	Major
25	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth-Grade 6	Major
26	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 411 Assessment of Diverse Young Learners	Writing Intensive
Students must select one of the concentration options below. See Mason ECED advisor to plan courses by term.				
27	Concentration Requirements: No Concentration (Non-licensure)	27	Approved Upper-Level no-concentration or concentration course (12 credits) ³ General Elective as needed to complete degree (15 credits)	Major or General Elective
28	Concentration Requirements: Early Childhood Special Education (Licensure)	27	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 (15 credits)	Major or General Elective

29	Concentration Requirements: Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Licensure)	27	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 (15 credits)	Major or General Elective
30	Concentration Requirements: Early Childhood Special Education & Early/Primary Education PreK-3 (Dual Licensure)	27	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 General Elective as needed to complete degree (3 credits)	Major or General Elective
31	Gen Ed: Apex/Program Core Requirement	12	EC Special Education Licensure concentration, PreK-3 Licensure concentration, and Dual Licensure Concentration: ECED 490 Internship in Early Childhood Education No Concentration: ECED 492 Internship in Early Childhood Education (Non-Licensure)	Apex
32	Program Core Requirements	3	ECED 491 Seminar in Early Childhood Education for Diverse Learners	Major

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Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University while attending NOVA. Failure to complete your co-enrollment course(s) while attending NOVA can significantly affect your timeline for Mason graduation. Please see your ADVANCE Coach for more information and to enroll.

Important Academic Information:

¹Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112.

²Students will need a course substitute for CHD 120 to count as an Education Elective at NOVA.

³For approved No Concentration course options, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/education-human-development/school-education/early-childhood-education-diverse-learners-bsed/>.

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 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 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.