

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Education: Elementary Education / B.S.Ed.  
Elementary Education,  
2025-2026

## 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 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 graduate with the NOVA degree aligned with their ADVANCE academic pathway 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 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:

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.
3. Students are highly recommended to meet with a Mason Content Area Advisor prior to transferring to Mason: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>.
4. Incoming students must also complete a cohort preference survey prior to enrolling in junior-level ELED courses at Mason.

	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	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I <sup>1</sup>	ENGH XXX	General Elective
3	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
4	EDU 207	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development	EDUC L302	General Elective
5	MTH 154 or MTH 161 or Higher	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
6	EDU 204	3	EDU 204 Teaching in Diverse Society	EDUC L301	Major
7	EDU 206	3	EDU 206 Classroom and Behavioral 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 <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 101	Written Comm
10	MTH 245 or MTH 155 or Higher	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	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	CST100 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 HIS 122	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 PHY 150	4	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <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 Civilizations Pre-1500 CE HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE ( <i>recommended</i> )	HIST L387T 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 - <a href="http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html">http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html</a>					
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<p>Note: All coursework in the major requires a grade of C or better for licensure. Most courses will only be offered once a year. Please consult your Mason Advisor.</p> <p>Concentrations: Educational Studies ( Non-Licensure) and Elementary Education PK-6 (Licensure)</p>					
	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course		MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition		Written Comm
22	Major Requirements	3	ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed		Major
23	Major Requirements	3	ELED 305 Foundations of Elementary Methods and Management	Fall only	Writing Intensive & Major
24	Major Requirements	3	ELED 410 Emergent and Early Literacy	Fall only	Major
25	Major Requirements	3	ELED 443 Children, Family, Culture, and Schools, 4-12 Year Olds	Fall only	Major
26	Major Requirements	3	ELED 454 Methods of Teaching Social Studies and Integrating Fine Arts in the Elementary Classroom		Major
27	Major Requirements	2	ELED 390 Clinical Experience: Theory to Practice Integration, Part 1	Fall only	Major
28	Major Requirements	3	ELED 401 Classroom Management and Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	Spring only	Major
29	Major Requirements	3	ELED 411 Reading Development, Processes, Assessment, and Pedagogy	Spring only	Major
30	Major Requirements	3	ELED 452 Mathematics Methods for the Elementary Classroom		Major
31	Major Requirements	3	ELED 453 Science Methods for the Elementary Classroom		Major
32	Major Requirements	1	ELED 391 Clinical Experience: Theory to Practice Integration, Part 2	Spring only	Major
33	Major Requirements	3	ELED 402 Differentiating Elementary Methods and Management	Fall only	Major
34	Major Requirements	3	ELED 421 STEM in the Elementary Classroom		Major
35	Major Requirements	3	ELED 412 Writing Development, Processes and Pedagogy	Fall only	Major

36	Gen Ed: Apex/Major Requirement	3	ELED 480 Practicum in Elementary Education	Apex
37	General Elective	3	General Elective	General Elective
<b>Students must select one of the concentration options below. See Mason advisor to plan courses by term.</b>				
38	Concentration Requirements: Education Studies (Non-Licensure)	12	<b>Choose 12 credits from:</b> ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth - Grade 6 <b>OR</b> EDCI 423 Methods for Teaching PK-6 English Learners in Inclusive Classrooms <b>OR</b> EDEP 350 Perspectives on Achievement Motivations <b>OR</b> EDSE 241 Characteristics or Students with Disabilities: High-Incidence <b>OR</b> EDSE 353 Individualized Behavior Supports <b>OR</b> EDSE 354 Consultation, Collaboration, and IEP Development <b>OR</b> ELED 422 Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings <b>OR</b> PHED 330 Health and Physical Activity for Classroom Teachers	Major
39	Concentration Requirements: Elementary Education, PK -6 Licensure	12	ELED 490 Internship in Elementary Education ( 9 credits) <b>Choose 3 credits from:</b> ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth - Grade 6 <b>OR</b> EDCI 423 Methods for Teaching PK-6 English Learners in Inclusive Classrooms <b>OR</b> EDEP 350 Perspectives on Achievement Motivations <b>OR</b> EDSE 241 Characteristics or Students with Disabilities: High-Incidence <b>OR</b> EDSE 353 Individualized Behavior Supports <b>OR</b> EDSE 354 Consultation, Collaboration, and IEP Development- <b>OR</b> ELED 422 Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings <b>OR</b> PHED 330 Health and Physical Activity for Classroom Teachers	Major
<b>B.S.ED. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE TOTAL 120</b>				
<b>Important Academic Information:</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.				
<b>General Education Waiver Policy and Guidance:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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: <a href="https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> . 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.</li> <li>When a course fulfills a Mason Core requirement <b>and</b> a major or college requirement (e.g. Major &amp; 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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>				
<b>Additional General Notes &amp; Resources:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA. Grades of C or higher are required in all major course work.</li> <li>Termination from the major may be imposed as a result of excessive repeating of required courses without achieving the minimum standard, and for other evidence of continued failure to make adequate progress toward completion of the major, including failure to maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and failure to exhibit professional dispositions. A grade of C or higher is required in each of the Elementary Education major courses (see Requirements section in the catalog for list of required major courses). Students will not be permitted to make more than three graded attempts to achieve a C or higher in each course. Those who do not successfully complete a major course within three attempts will be terminated from the major.</li> <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>				