

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Education / B.S.Ed. Elementary Education,  
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:

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 Mason courses.

	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 207 or PSY 230	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	EDUC L302 PSYC 211	General Elective
4	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I <b>OR</b> ENV 121 Foundations of Environmental Science	BIOL 103/105 EVPP 108/109	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II <sup>1</sup>	ENGH 101	Written Comm
7	HIS Course	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877 <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 121 HIST 122	General Elective
8	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
9	MTH 245 or Higher	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
10	Science Course #2	4	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I <b>OR</b> GOL 105 Physical Geology <b>OR</b> GOL 106 Historical Geology <b>OR</b> 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 <b>OR</b> 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 245 British Literature ENG 246 American Literature ENG 250 Children's Literature ( <i>recommended</i> ) ENG 255 World Literature ENG 258 African-American Literature	ENGH 202 ENGH 202 ELED 258 FRLN L330 ENGH 202	Literature

14	Social Science Elective	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography	GGG 101	General Elective
15	Education Elective #2	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post 1600 CE <b>OR</b> HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE ( <b>recommended</b> )	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	Major
18	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
19	Education Elective #3	3	<b>ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed (co-enrollment course)</b> <b>OR</b> EDU 270 Intro to Autism <b>OR</b> ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ENG 200 Introduction to Linguistics (recommended for ESOL education) <b>OR</b> ENG 210 Advanced Composition (for VCLA Prep) <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	<b>ELED 242</b> EDSE XXX ECON 104 LING L306 ENGH XXX PSYC 100	Major or General Elective
20	Education Elective #4	3	EDU 270 Intro to Autism <b>OR</b> ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> ENG 200 Introduction to Linguistics (recommended for ESOL education) <b>OR</b> PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics (3 CR.) <b>OR</b> PLS 136 State and Local Government and Politics (3 CR.) <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	EDSE XXX ECON 104 ECON 103 GOVT 103 GOVT L304 PSYC 100	General Elective

#### 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. Elementary Education

**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.**

**Concentrations: Educational Studies ( Non-Licensure) and Elementary Education PK-6 (Licensure)**

	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 or Elective Requirements	3	ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed ( <i>if not taken through co-enrollment at NOVA</i> ) <b>OR</b> General Elective (See: Advisor)		Major or General Elective
23	Major Requirements	3	ELED 305 Foundations of Elementary Methods and Management	<b>Fall only</b>	Writing Intensive & Major
24	Major Requirements	3	ELED 410 Emergent and Early Literacy	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
25	Major Requirements	3	ELED 443 Children, Family, Culture, and Schools, 4-12 Year Olds	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
26	Major Requirements	3	ELED 454 Methods of Teaching Social Studies and Integrating Fine Arts in the Elementary Classroom	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
27	Major Requirements	2	ELED 390 Clinical Experience: Theory to Practice Integration, Part 1	<b>Fall only</b>	Major
28	Major Requirements	3	ELED 401 Classroom Management and Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
29	Major Requirements	3	ELED 411 Reading Development, Processes, Assessment, and Pedagogy	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
30	Major Requirements	3	ELED 452 Mathematics Methods for the Elementary Classroom	<b>Spring only</b>	Major
31	Major Requirements	3	ELED 453 Science Methods for the Elementary Classroom	<b>Spring only</b>	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	Fall only	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	Upper-Level General Elective		General Elective

**Students must select one of the concentration options below. See Mason advisor to plan courses by term.**

38	Concentration Requirements: Education Studies (Non-Licensure)	12	<p><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 of Students with Disabilities: High-Incidence <b>OR</b>            EDSE 353 Individualized Behavior Supports <b>OR</b>            EDSE 354 Consultation and Collaboration <b>OR</b>            ELED 422 Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings <b>OR</b>            PHED 330 Health and Physical Activity for Classroom Teachers</p>		Major
39	Concentration Requirements: Elementary Education, PK -6 Licensure	12	<p>ELED 490 Internship in Elementary Education ( 9 credits)</p> <p><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 of Students with Disabilities: High-Incidence <b>OR</b>            EDSE 353 Individualized Behavior Supports <b>OR</b>            EDSE 354 Consultation and Collaboration <b>OR</b>            ELED 422 Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings <b>OR</b>            PHED 330 Health and Physical Activity for Classroom Teachers</p>		Major

<b>B.S.ED. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>
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**Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your ADVANCE Coach to enroll.**

**Important Academic Information:**

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

**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:**

- Students must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and pass all Commonwealth of Virginia mandated tests for licensure area. Grades of C or higher are required in all major course work.
- 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 17 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.
- 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.