

ONLINE
INSTRUCTION

HYBRID

3-4 FACE-TO-FACE
SATURDAYS PER
CLASS

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Teacher by Day, Grad Student Along the Way.

THREE TRACKS

1

(36 credits)

5th-Year Track for Longwood Undergraduates

Enter as a freshman. In five years, you will earn your liberal studies degree, teacher licensure, and a graduate degree in special education with an option for dual endorsement in elementary education.

2

(39 credits*)

Licensure Track for Career Switchers

Enter with your BA or BS in any field and earn your master's and teacher licensure in as little as 39 credits.

*Two prerequisite courses may be required.

3

(39 credits)

Licensed Teacher Track

Enter as a licensed Virginia teacher. Earn your graduate degree in one year.



APPLICATION DEADLINES— **Summer:** April 1st, **Fall:** July 1st, **Spring:** November 1st

Missed the deadline? We will accept applications until the program is full. Email us at graduate@longwood.edu.

LESS THAN ONE YEAR TO A NEW CAREER

INCLUDE AND INSPIRE.

OUR PROGRAM

Immersive and Personalized

No other program immediately immerses you so quickly in your chosen profession. You'll work with students right away and receive immediate feedback on your skills.

Many Paths to Achieve Career Goals

Whether you're starting your career, switching careers, or looking to advance your career, you can enroll to become a master's level SPED teacher. By planning ahead, undergraduates can take 36 credits in a fifth year to earn their master's degree. Licensed Virginia teachers earn their master's degree in 39 credits. Those with a bachelor's degree in any field can earn their master's in as little as 39 credit hours. This program provides all students the tools, experience, and knowledge to be a master's level licensed special education teacher or to support special education students in a general education classroom.

“*The professors are very hands-on. If you have any questions during your residency, the faculty and your cohort are just a message away.*”

—Sherae McRae, M.S.'21



RESIDENCY PROGRAM

From day one, our unique program will have you teaching special education students with us virtually by your side. Videos of your teaching and student interactions are reviewed by professors who offer personalized feedback.

This “microteaching” method offers intense support and individualized feedback like no other program.



BECOMING A LICENSED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER GIVES YOU MANY CAREER OPTIONS!

- Special education teacher
- Department chair
- School headmaster
- Transition counselor
- Special education coordinator
- Teach for America

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Official bachelor's degree transcripts** from an accredited college or university and all transcripts for subsequent coursework.
- ✓ **A minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75+ (on 4.0 scale)**
Options available if you do not meet this requirement.
- ✓ **500+ word essay** addressing reasons for seeking graduate education in Special Education
- ✓ **Resume**
- ✓ **Two letters of recommendation** (Initial Licensure and Licensed Teacher Tracks Only)
- ✓ **Valid VA teaching license** or equivalent from another state (Licensed Teacher Track Only)
- ✓ **Passing Praxis Teaching Reading (5205) scores** (Initial Licensure Track Only)
- ✓ **\$40 application fee**

✓ **NO GRE REQUIRED**

TUITION AND FEES

Based on current tuition rates, tuition costs \$431 per credit hour* in-state and \$1,078 per credit hour out-of-state*. These costs do not include textbooks. Financial aid, graduate assistantships, and monthly payment plans are available. For questions about cost and the application process, contact Longwood Graduate Studies at graduate@longwood.edu.

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