MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome! Shenandoah University’s Division of Education & Leadership offers a variety of professional programs for educators and community-focused leaders. The challenges of the past year truly have taught us the importance of strong leadership and compassionate mentorship. Whether you are planning a career in education or seeking to develop leadership skills for any professional setting, our faculty are ready to work with you to put you on the path to making a difference in the world.

We offer a wide range of programs, including K-12 teacher preparation, educational administration, and organization leadership. All share a commitment to intellectual challenge, creativity, and empathy as you work closely with a passionate and dedicated faculty. Whether you choose to pursue professional growth through a doctoral degree, a master’s degree or a professional certificate leading to licensure, you will experience student-centered instruction and a personalized approach to advising. We also offer tuition discounts to meet the needs of working professionals.

At Shenandoah University, our success is measured by your success. We invite you to bring your vision, talent and desire to learn to our community, where lives are transformed and lifelong learning partnerships are formed. I look forward to meeting you!

Jeff W. Coker, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Advancing Your Career

As a practicing, experienced organizational leader or educator interested in expanding your skills, you can advance your career and increase your earning potential with a professional studies certificate or a master’s or doctoral degree from Shenandoah University’s Division of Education & Leadership. Our graduate programs are:

- **rigorous and competitive**
- **flexible** and designed for busy, working adults
- taught by **experienced** educators
- **affordable**. Shenandoah University believes in supporting higher education for the advancement of society — that’s why we offer tuition discounts to reduce tuition costs.

**EDUCATION STUDIES**

**TEACHER EDUCATION**

**Programs**
- Master of Science in Education with specialization options in:
  - Individualized Focus
  - Emphasis in Teaching
  - Special Education
- Master of Science in Literacy Education

**Professional Studies Certificates**
- Initial Teacher Licensure
  - Elementary Education
  - Middle School Education
  - Secondary Education
  - Health and Physical Education
- Gifted Education
- Reading Licensure K-12
- Special Education K-12
- Special Education Add-on Endorsements for K-6, 6-8 or 6-12

**LEADERSHIP STUDIES**

**EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP**
- Doctor of Education: Educational Leadership
- Master of Science in Education: Education Administration
- Professional Studies Certificate for Licensure in Administration and Supervision

**ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP**
- Doctor of Professional Studies: Organizational Leadership
- Master of Science: Organizational Leadership
Shenandoah supports teachers’ education with master’s and certificate programs that have been reviewed and approved by the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Education. Programs are inquiry-driven, problem-oriented and focused on public education foundations through course requirements, internships and field research.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Master of Science in Education: Special Education**
This program prepares pre-service, alternatively licensed, or already certified teachers to meet eligibility requirements for licensure and endorsement in Special Education-General Education Curriculum, K-12.

**Professional Studies Certificate in Special Education Licensure K-12**
The PSC in Special Education K-12 serves those who desire Virginia Special Education Teacher Licensure and it is ideally suited for those who hold a master’s degree in education and want to add the Special Education K-12 endorsement.

**Professional Studies Certificate in Special Education K-6, 6-8, or 6-12**
The PSC in Special Education Add-on Endorsements in K-6, 6-8, or 6-12 serve licensed teachers who want to add special education licensure to their current teaching endorsement in elementary, middle, or secondary education in Virginia.

**LITERACY EDUCATION**

**Master of Science in Literacy Education**
The Master of Science in Literacy Education is a teacher-oriented, 30-credit-hour program that addresses the complex field of literacy by offering three core literacy courses for all participants and a choice of concentrations in writing, reading, early literacy and individual design, with each course of study designed to explore literacy areas in depth.

**Professional Studies Certificate for Reading Licensure**
The PSC for Reading Licensure is a 21-credit program that serves teachers who already hold a master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and who want to obtain Virginia licensure as a reading specialist without seeking Shenandoah’s Master of Science in Literacy Education with a reading concentration.
INDIVIDUALIZED FOCUS

Master of Science in Education: Individualized Focus
This 30-credit program prepares you to earn an advanced degree with an emphasis on your own career or educational goals. Other Division of Education & Leadership certificate credits may be applied toward this master’s degree.

TEACHER EDUCATION

Shenandoah prepares teachers to upgrade their skills and teaching effectiveness by continuing to meet the changing needs of classrooms within K–12 school systems.

Master of Science in Education: Emphasis in Teaching
This 30-credit program is designed to facilitate success in the pursuit of national board certification. The program offers a strong focus on classroom-centered research as a foundation to inform school-based reform efforts. Current trends in practice and research across content areas are also explored. The program may be offered as a cohort model to school systems.

Professional Studies Certificate Initial Teacher Licensure
This 24-27-credit program allows individuals with an undergraduate degree to gain initial teacher licensure. Secondary school licensure is offered in biology, business, chemistry, history/social studies, English and mathematics. K–12 licensure is offered in health/physical education and special education. Elementary school licensure is offered in K–6, and middle school licensure is offered in grades 6–8.

Professional Studies Certificate in Gifted Education
This certificate prepares teachers to implement best practices in gifted and talented instruction through collaboration, reflection, critical thinking, coaching, data analysis and authentic assessments. It is designed to meet state endorsement add-on requirements in Gifted and Talented. The courses use research-based best practices to inform teachers’ decisions, provide guidance in addressing problems they will encounter in educational roles, and present opportunities to effect change in the environment in which they work.
Shenandoah’s graduate programs in educational leadership are multidisciplinary and focus on ethical leadership. Graduates hold leadership positions in schools, colleges and universities, and community-based organizations. The programs emphasize the application of theory to real-world concerns at schools and related institutions of public trust.

**Doctor of Education (Ed.D.): Educational Leadership**

This 60-credit program is designed for current and aspiring leaders with career goals related to PreK-12 and higher education. The program offers an optional concentration for PreK-12 educators seeking Virginia licensure in administration and supervision. The Ed.D. in Educational Leadership program is a member of the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED).

**Master of Science in Education: Education Administration**

This 30-credit online program is designed for professionals in Virginia’s public and private schools and leads to licensure in administration and supervision. A non-licensure track is also available.

**Professional Studies Certificate for Licensure in Administration and Supervision**

This 21-credit certification program leads to licensure in administration and supervision for professionals in Virginia public schools who already hold a master’s degree.

Shenandoah’s multidisciplinary leadership studies programs prepare individuals for principled, ethical leadership in nonprofit and public sector organizations. Programs are designed for those in community and governmental organizations; nonprofit, public sector or service careers; higher education, and other institutions of public trust.

**Doctor of Professional Studies (D.Prof.): Organizational Leadership**

This 66-credit program is designed for individuals with substantive experiences in their professions who seek to leverage that experience while preparing for advanced leadership roles.

**Master of Science: Organizational Leadership**

This 33-credit program is designed for individuals interested in creative, inspirational and ethical leadership in nonprofit, higher education, or governmental organizations.
Accreditation
Shenandoah University’s teacher education programs – designed to prepare teachers who are competent, caring and qualified – are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) for a period of seven years, from 2019-2026. Shenandoah University’s administration and supervision, and reading licensure programs – designed to prepare leaders who are highly competent, strategic and caring – are accredited by CAEP through 2022. All Shenandoah University licensure programs are Virginia Board of Education Approved Programs.

Professional Licensure Alternatives
Shenandoah’s Office of Extended and Distance Education (XDE)* provides professional and licensure courses approved by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) for teacher licensure and recertification. For information specific to XDE, go to: su.edu/xde. Courses offered include:
• VESi: self-paced, online teacher recertification courses
• Career Switcher Program: alternative path to teacher licensure

*XDE operates separately from the Office of Graduate Admissions

“I was enrolled in classes that truly prepared me to teach in today’s classroom. I am extremely thankful for my professors and what I learned while in this program. Shenandoah fit my schedule. I was able to work a full-time job and attend night classes at Scholar Plaza, Loudoun, and it worked out perfectly.”

– Jessica Bourscheid ’17
Loudoun County Public Schools
M.S. in Education Graduate Certificate in Elementary Education
4th Grade Teacher, Evergreen Mill Elementary School
Loudoun County 2019 Elementary New Teacher of the Year
“I initially chose Shenandoah because it offered a program of study that allowed me to fit my classes into my busy schedule as a full-time employee and a mom. The program’s benefits far outweigh convenience, though. The outstanding professors in my program teach critical thinking and discovery skills that allow me to develop programs and solutions to challenges I encounter both in my day-to-day work and in serving my local community.”

– Kerry Carmichael ’22  
Doctor of Professional Studies: Organizational Leadership student  
Senior Technical Writer at American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) in Chantilly, Virginia

Shenandoah Facts
- Established 1875
- Main Campus located in Winchester, Virginia, in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley
- Scholar Plaza, Loudoun, in Leesburg, Virginia, is conveniently located for those in the D.C. metro region.
- The annual Shenandoah University Children’s Literature Conference has attracted top children’s authors and illustrators (including multiple Newbery and Caldecott winners) for more than 30 summers. Participation can also lead to continuing education credit.

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