Master of Science in Education: Emphasis in Teaching

The Emphasis in Teaching concentration is designed for licensed teachers who wish to pursue graduate study. Through advanced coursework and research, the program helps teachers develop in such areas as planning, instruction, assessment, and professionalism through the application of relevant theory, best practices, and appropriate pedagogy. The program is also designed to facilitate success in the pursuit of National Board Certification (NBPTS). Cohorts are accommodated, as well as individuals. The Gifted Education Concentration is designed to meet Virginia Licensure Regulations for the add-on endorsement in Gifted Education, K-12.

New cohorts are established annually. Shenandoah University supports graduate study at the Master’s level through a substantial tuition fellowship for graduate Education students. Students not currently employed in a school system must undergo a Criminal Background Check in order to complete field placements required by this program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate Application for Admission along with a $30 non-refundable application fee
- Bachelor’s Degree (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Unofficial transcripts for initial admission from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
- Three letters of recommendation
- Essay addressing your background and educational goals (2-3 pages)
- Current teaching license valid in any state
- Language Proficiency Requirement must be met. Submission of TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo English Test may be required. See our policy for full details: [https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students](https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students)

TRANSFER CREDITS

- Only grades of “A” or “B” are transferable.
- A maximum of nine graduate hours may be approved by the Director of the Division of Education and Leadership.

WHERE TO BEGIN

- Admissions: sugradadmissions@su.edu
- Program Head: Contact Dr. Mary Bowser at mbowser@su.edu.
- Apply online now by visiting: [www.su.edu/sehdapp](http://www.su.edu/sehdapp)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The degree requirement is 30 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

### Courses | Credits
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**Professional Teacher Core Courses**
EDU 652 | The Professional Teacher: Teaching & Learning | 3
EDU 653 | The Professional Teacher: Professional Portfolio Development | 3

**Professional Teacher Total** | 6

### Concentrations (pick one)

**Mentor/Lead Teacher Concentration**
ADM 640 | Curriculum Development & Evaluation | 3
ADM 641 | Supervision & Evaluation of Instruction | 3
EDU 650 | Major Issues in Education | 3
EDU 651 | Methods of Instruction | 3

**Gifted Education Concentration**
GTD 611 | Understanding and Education of the Gifted Learner | 3
GTD 612 | Curriculum Development for Gifted Students | 3
GTD 613 | Social & Emotional Issues of Gifted Children | 3
GTD 615 | Strategies for Gifted Learners | 3

**Concentration Total** | 12

*Virginia-licensed teachers completing this concentration may submit documentation to VDOE for the Add-on Endorsement in Gifted Education*
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*Students who take a leave from the program and return after more than one year may be required to retake certain courses to update their knowledge, or take additional courses to comply with new program requirements.*