The Professional Studies Certificate in Gifted Education prepares teachers to implement best practices in gifted and talented instruction through collaboration, reflection, critical thinking, coaching, data analysis and authentic assessments. This program is designed to meet the current and changing needs of regional teachers and school systems as they strive to upgrade professional skills and teaching effectiveness. This certificate program is flexible enough to adapt to individual school or teacher needs. It is also designed to meet state endorsement add-on requirements in Gifted Education.

This certificate program is a teacher-oriented and inquiry-centered program that addresses the complex field of giftedness by offering four-core gifted courses for all participants in the program. These courses use research-based best practices to inform the 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. The program is developed so a student may begin with any of the four courses.

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)
- Copy of current teaching license*
- 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

TRANSFER CREDITS
- Only grades of “A” or “B” are transferable.
- A maximum of nine graduate hours may be approved by the program director.

WHERE TO BEGIN
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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
The degree requirement is 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

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45 total clock hours of required field experiences are included in the courses

Concentration Total 12

*Virginia-licensed teachers completing this concentration may submit documentation through SU-DEL or their school system to VDOE for the Add-on Endorsement in Gifted Education