



Enhance Lives. **Make a Difference**

With Longwood's Special Education Add-On Endorsement Courses.

**Fully
online for
flexibility**

**Complete the
endorsement in 1
year (3 semesters)**

**2 OPTIONS: Elementary
Education track or Middle &
Secondary Education track**

**Start the 15 credit
endorsement
anytime**



APPLY ANYTIME - FALL, SPRING, OR SUMMER!

Contact us for applicable deadlines. Questions? Email us at SpedEndorsement@longwood.edu.

Why Pursue the Special Education Add-On Endorsement?

AT A GLANCE

Teaching Skills for Students with Disabilities

The Special Education Add-On Endorsement prepares teachers to meet students where they are. The endorsement courses create teachers who are confident in their abilities to:

- Describe characteristics of different disability categories
- Identify strategies appropriate for different disabilities
- Create and deliver effective reading lessons
- Create and deliver effective math lessons
- Evaluate students with formal and informal assessments
- Understand and write an IEP

Inspiring Instructors

Longwood University is known for its unsurpassed educator development, where professionals mentor other professionals. The coursework prepares teachers to educate students with a wide variety of abilities, whether in general or special education classrooms.

Offering Endorsement Credentials

The Special Education Add-On Endorsement opens doors by offering busy licensed teachers the opportunity to add valuable Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) endorsement credentials to their resumes. Each Special Education Add-On Endorsement consists of five courses delivered through a convenient online format that makes the experience realistic and achievable for full-time teachers. A provisional Special Education license is not required to begin courses. PSPE 515 meets the Foundations of Special Education and Legal Aspects course requirements to obtain an initial provisional Special Education: General Curriculum teaching license. In addition to the coursework, the VDOE requirements state that in lieu of a practicum, one year successful full-time teaching experience with students with disabilities accessing the general curriculum in a public or an accredited nonpublic school may be accepted, provided the teacher is assigned a mentor holding a valid license with an endorsement in special education.

COURSE SEQUENCE (15 Credits)

SUMMER

PSPE 515 *Survey of Exceptional Students (3)*

FALL

PSPE 522 (Weeks 1-8) *Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Disabilities in the Area of Literacy (3)*

PSPE 523 (Weeks 9-16) *Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Disabilities in the Area of Mathematics (3)*

SPRING

PSPE 577 (Weeks 1-8) *IEP Writing and Implementation (3)*

(Weeks 9-16) *Elementary License Track: PSPE 544 Formal and Informal Assessment of Students with Disabilities (3)*

-OR- *Middle and Secondary License Track: PSPE 574 Transition Planning (3)*

**PSPE 515 Survey of Exceptional Students can be taken at the beginning or end of the coursework.*



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Official bachelor's degree transcript from a regionally accredited college or university
- Valid Virginia K-12 Professional License in General Education

For the Elementary Special Education Add-On Endorsement, you must have an elementary (K-6) teaching license to apply.

For the Secondary Special Education Add-On Endorsement, you must have a secondary (6-12) teaching license coordinating with your general education teaching license to apply.

VIRGINIA ENDORSEMENT

This qualifies for the Commonwealth of Virginia Endorsement credentials as outlined by the Virginia Department of Education.

TUITION AND FEES

Longwood offers an outstanding and affordable education. Tuition costs \$285* per credit for Virginia residents and \$355* per credit for non-Virginia residents, plus a one-time application fee. The University offers a monthly payment plan option.

For more information, contact Longwood Professional Studies at professionalstudies@longwood.edu.

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