

## Catalog Description

### **Special Education General Curriculum K-12 Endorsement**

The Special Education Endorsement Program is designed for educators who have or are eligible for Virginia Collegiate Professional License or equivalent from another state. The program will provide coherent preparation in all areas of the Special Education curriculum including field experience. Successful completion of the entire program will result in Longwood University, Office of Professional Services recommendation for the K-12 Special Education Endorsement. Incorporating the standards of the Council for Exceptional Children and the Department of Education Virginia (DOE), this endorsement program will expand the candidate's teaching skills and will help the candidate to make a significant and positive impact on struggling students in the General Curriculum K-12.

Following is a list of minimum required courses. For each prospective candidate with a degree and licensure to teach in Virginia, program coordinator will conduct an individual review of prior coursework and identify a list of additional specific classes to be completed for endorsement. For example, prior to completing the program and receiving the Endorsement, students must show evidence of at least one course in teaching of reading and at least one course in the teaching of mathematics. In addition, the candidate must complete at least 225 hours (3 credit hours) of graduate professional experience at an approved school/classroom in the final semester of the program.

#### **Program Requirements**

SPED 515 Survey of Exceptional Children (3)

SPED 520 Language Development and Language disorders (3)

SPED 525 Evidence Based Language Arts Instruction (3)

SPED 540 Curriculum and Methods for Exceptional Learners: General Curriculum (3)

SPED 545 Psychoeducational Assessment (3)

SPED 565 Behavior Management (3)

SPED 682 Collaboration in the school, Home, and Community (3)

SPED 693 Graduate Professional Semester for Licensed Teachers (3)

**Total Hours Required: 24**