

# Graduate Program

Masters in Education



# Basic Program Information

- Master of Education
- Anticipated Initiation date: August 2023
- 15 credit hours of required core courses
  - Concentration: Curriculum & Instruction (15 credit hours)
  - Total of 30 credit hours
- Upon completion of the program, students will be proficient in literacy, instruction, curriculum, and collaboration.

# Course Objectives

- Students will play an active role in examining current research, conducting their own research in specific areas, and disseminating their findings.
- Professors will guide students and focus instruction/resources to ensure students are meeting each of the course objectives.

# Curriculum

- The Master of Education curriculum includes a combination of discipline-specific courses: content knowledge, professional education, licensure requirements, and pedagogical themes.

# Virginia Needs

## Lack of Equity in Education Opportunities

- Inequity exists in public educational opportunities across Virginia based on location
- Only 3 institutions (Bluefield College, Emory & Henry College, and UVA Wise) are located west of Radford
- Radford is the closest public institution to offer a Master of Education degree

# Virginia Needs

## UVA WISE Commitment to the Region

- 2020 UVA Wise survey of teachers within 50-mile radius of campus: Over 55 % were interested in pursuing a Master of Education at UVA Wise. The lack of a public graduate-level program indicates a failure to address the mission of the College and neglects the basic reason why the College was created.
- Less than 40% of educators in SWVA hold a masters degree compared to 58% of teachers in the rest of the state. School districts in SWVA have the lowest percentage of masters qualified teachers of any of the eight Virginia Superintendents' Regions.

# Virginia Needs

## Critical Teacher Shortages

- One of the most critical educational issues plaguing the United States, the Commonwealth, and school districts surrounding UVA Wise

## Student Demand

- October 2020 survey: over 75% indicated an important need for UVA Wise to offer graduate-level programs in education

# Labor Market Projections

Labor Market Information: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020 - 2030 (10-Yr)

Occupation	Base Year Employment	Projected Employment	Total % Change and #s	Typical Entry Level Education
Education Kindergarten and Elementary Teachers <sup>1</sup>	1,492,400	1,603,900	7 % & 111,500	Minimum of BA
Education Secondary School Teachers <sup>2</sup>	998,800	1,077,000	8% & 78,200	Minimum of BA
Education Administrators, kindergarten through secondary	270,200	291,300	8% & 21,200	Master's degree





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Labor Market Information: Virginia Employment Commission, 2018 - 2028 (10-Yr)

Occupation	Base Year Employment	Projected Employment	Total % Change and #s	Annual Change #	Education
Elementary Teachers <sup>3</sup>	35,455	36,444	2.8% & 989	99	Minimum of BA
Secondary Teachers <sup>4</sup>	26,099	26,883	3% & 784	78	Minimum of BA
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School <sup>5</sup>	6875	7123	3.6% & 248	25	Master's degree

# Cost and Funding Sources to Initiate and Operate the Program

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<b>Informational Category</b>		<b>Program Initiation Year 2023 - 2024</b>	<b>Program Full Enrollment Year<sup>12</sup> 2025 - 2026</b>
1	Projected Enrollment (Headcount)	30	36
2	Projected Enrollment (FTE)	26	28
3	Estimated Tuition and E&G Fees	\$14,287	\$15,159
4	Projected Revenue from Tuition and E&G Fees	\$238,872	\$467,020
5	Other Funding Sources Dedicated to the Proposed Program (e.g., grant, business entity, private sources)	\$0	\$0

# Duplication

Existing degree programs at a Virginia public institution at the same degree level

Institution	Program degree designation, name, and CIP code	Degrees granted (most recent 5-yr average) 2016-17-2021
James Madison University	MED/MAT, Education, CIP Code: 13.0101	281
Longwood University	MS, Education, CIP Code: 13.0101	64
Norfolk State University	Teacher Education CIP Code: 13.1299	38
Radford University	MS, Education, CIP Code: 13.0101	42
University of Mary Washington	MED, Education, CIP Code: 13.0101	83
University of Virginia	MT, Education, CIP Code: 13.0101	144
Virginia Commonwealth University	MT, Teaching, CIP Code: 13.0101	113