

## Secondary Education, Grades 6–12

### Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

With concentration options in Secondary Education Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Science, English, History and Social Studies, Mathematics, or Physics



### WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Turn your passion into a high school or middle school student's favorite subject by completing a state-approved program for Virginia teacher licensure in secondary education.

### WHERE THIS DEGREE WILL TAKE YOU

- Complete clinical experiences in one of 16 partner schools—know and be known in your school as you learn to be a teacher
- Work with dedicated school- and university-based teacher educators committed to your success as a new teacher
- Leave with the tools to bring about meaningful change through education by learning to focus on social justice, advocacy, and teacher leadership

### FORMAT

- 35 credits
- Includes both on-campus and online courses
- On-campus courses are held at Mason's Fairfax campus
- 6-credit internship required
- Full-time students can complete the degree and licensure requirements in as little as four semesters

#### New students

begin classes in  
January, May, or August

## EXAMPLE COURSE SCHEDULES

	Fall I	Spring I	Summer I	Fall II	Spring II
Four semesters to license, five semesters to MEd	Methods I Human Development and Learning <b>6 credits</b>	Methods II Literacy in the Content Areas <b>6 credits</b>	Foundations of Secondary Education Concentration-Specific Required Elective 3-credit Elective <b>9 credits</b>	Internship in Secondary Education Internship Seminar <b>8 credits</b>	Research in Secondary Education 3-credit Elective <b>6 credits</b>
				License requirements complete	Master's requirements complete
Four semesters to license and MEd	+ 3-credit Elective <b>9 credits</b>	+ Research in Secondary Education <b>9 credits</b>	No additional courses <b>9 credits</b>	No additional courses <b>8 credits</b>	
				License and master's requirements complete	

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, or international equivalent
- Professional resumé or CV
- Goals statement: 750-1,000 words, describing your academic and career goals related to the intended program
- Transcripts: Unofficial transcripts for application review, and official documents for any international credentials
- Two letters of recommendation: Professional or academic in nature
- Content Area Requirements: Students must have certain prerequisite courses to enter a teacher licensure program, visit [cehd.gmu.edu/car-advising](http://cehd.gmu.edu/car-advising) to learn more
- International students may have to meet additional requirements, visit [go.gmu.edu/GradFAQ](http://go.gmu.edu/GradFAQ) for details

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## FUNDING OPTIONS

15 percent discount for qualified Virginia educators  
Approximately 40 percent tuition discount for out-of-state graduate students  
For full details and limitations, visit [cehd.gmu.edu/discounts](http://cehd.gmu.edu/discounts)

### Licensure information

Mason will verify completion of the requirements of a Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) state-approved preparation program at the graduate or undergraduate level. Such verification does not guarantee the issuance of a Virginia Collegiate Professional, Postgraduate Professional, or Pupil Personnel license from the Commonwealth of Virginia. It is solely the student's responsibility to comply with all requirements for licensure by the Commonwealth. Under Virginia law, a social security number is required for licensure.