



Masters in Special Education, K-12 General Curriculum Licensure

SAMPLE Cohort Plan

Final Schedule to be Determined in Conjunction with Local School Division

	Scheduled in Cohort		Individually Arranged¹
YEAR ONE	Spring 2	EDSE 540 Characteristics of Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum	<i>Offered in an online format:</i> EDSE 501 Introduction to Special Education (pre-cohort)
	Summer	EDSE 503 Language Development & Reading	
	Fall	EDSE 502 Classroom Management and Individualized Behavior Supports	EDSE 517 Computer Applications for Spec Populations ²
	Spring 1	EDSE 627 Assessment	EDSE 590 Special Education Research ²
YEAR TWO	Spring 2	EDSE 641 Instructional Strategies for Reading and Writing	<i>Based on individual employment & experience:</i> EDSE 783 Elementary Internship
	Summer	EDSE 643 Instructional Strategies for Math	EDSE 783 Secondary Internship
	Fall	EDSE 544 Adapted Instructional Methods & Transition for Secondary Learners	
	Spring 1	EDSE 662 Consultation, Collaboration, and IEP Development	

Check the website each semester for confirmed schedule information: <https://education.gmu.edu/special-education-cohort/>

¹Students work with an advisor upon admission to make plans for individually arranged coursework and addressing non-course requirements (e.g., exams and CPR/AED/First Aid training). Some students will only need one internship experience.

²Not required if only completing licensure requirements and not finishing MEd.



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Internship (<https://education.gmu.edu/teacher-track-office/student-internship>):

EDSE 783 Internship: Two internship experiences are required for licensure master's programs: one at the elementary level and one at the secondary level. Internship options should be discussed with an advisor upon admission to the program.

Some students may be eligible to waive one internship experience. For more information on the requirements for the waiver and the documentation that a student must submit in order to request the waiver see the checklist on the internship webpage.

Non-course Requirements (<http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/test/>):

CPR/AED/First Aid training are required prior to applying for internship. Praxis Teaching Reading must be completed prior to graduation from the master's and/or submitting for VDOE licensure.

- CPR/AED/First Aid training (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/emergency-first-aid>)
- Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) Test – score of 159+

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