ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

LIBERAL ARTS AND HUMAN SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
VIRGINIA TECH

Degree: Master of Arts in Education
Licensure Area: Elementary Education (PreK-6)
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Applications Due: Admission is considered rolling. However, applications will be clustered for interviews at the end of October and of January, and as needed afterward.

Applying: A minimum GPA of 3.0 in last 60 hours is required (may provisionally consider lower). Prospective students apply to the non-thesis program online through the **Graduate School.** Additional items are submitted directly to the School of Education. Eligible applicants will be scheduled for an interview. The Elementary Education program offers two regular options and requires that applicants note their option at the time of application. Both options begin Summer II, lead to the same degree, and require the same coursework.
Completing the program in 12 months, instead of 10, does not delay your degree/license, nor does it prevent you from applying for jobs to begin in the upcoming fall.

Option 1 is a full-time **twelve-month** program for students who need to complete EDCI 5554 (Exceptional Learners) and EDEP 5154 (Ed Psych for Teachers). These **must be** completed in Summer I prior to the start of the program in Summer II (or may be taken in Summer I after completing the program – but will delay your application for licensure).

Option 2 is a full-time **ten-month** program that begins in Summer II, and for students who have completed both EDCI 5554 and EDEP 5154. **Dual/Accelerated status is NOT required for this option.**

Bachelor's Degree: Any undergraduate major; with specific general education courses (see checksheet below)
Teacher Assessments: www.ets.org/praxis/va

1. Praxis Subject Assessment: Elementary Education Multiple Subjects (5001) *attempt prior to applying*
2. The Praxis Series: Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) ***take in grad school***

Prior Experience: Minimum of 50 documented hours in a supervised position working with 3-14 year-olds during the five years prior to applying. Parenting/Babysitting/Nannying does not count towards these hours. It can be paid or volunteer hours. Documentation must be signed by the supervising authority. (Please include total hours on signature page for each documentation).

Endorsement Courses: Students who wish to obtain licensure eligibility for elementary education (prek-6) are expected to complete endorsement requirements prior to beginning the MAEd. Program. Courses in-progress or planned are acceptable at the time of application but demonstrate successful completion by Summer II. Substitutions will be considered on a case by case basis and must cover similar content. A syllabus will be required for all non-VT substitutions and courses not listed in VT transcript. ***This list is for students entering the MAEd. Program 2024 or later*** VDOE (Virginia Department of Education)

Praxis Subject Assessment Scores for 5001 (individual subtests: 5002, 5003, 5004, or 5005).
Language Arts:
Math: Social
Studies:
Science:
GPA: _____

*Non-VT students will need to provide with application.

* Students using non-VT courses (without VT equivalent will need to provide syllabi for review).

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Elementary Education Licensure Program Application

(VT Students)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Student ID (last 4 digits only) _____

Local Address: _____ Local Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Major: _____ Minor(s): _____

Application Checklist:

Submit with online Graduate School application

You may need to upload these to the online application under additional education documents

Three (3) recommendation letters
Transcripts (non-VT student: official)
Test scores Praxis 5001
Program/content checklist (this document)
Essay (prompt listed below)
Experience Documentation (50 hours minimum)

Essay Prompt (School of Education Requirement)

Write a 3-4 double-spaced pages essay, following the prompt: "Reflecting on your experiences in working with children, what have you learned from them that will have an impact on your teaching?"

Teaching Philosophy – Upload to Personal Statement Submission

Write a one to two page double spaced statement outlining your teaching philosophy.

Program Option

- **Option 1** (12 months): These *courses are to be completed in Summer 1 prior to grad program or Summer 1 after grade program?* ☐ *EDCI 5554* ☐ *EDEP 5154*
- **Option 2** (10 months): *Must have completed EDCI 5554 and EDEP 5154 prior to beginning 2nd summer session.*

Signature of Applicant: _____

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*Complete this document fully prior to submission with application.

Content	Required/Preferred Course	Course or Substitution Completed	VT course?
6 Credits English	ENG 1105		
	ENG 1106		
6 Credits Math	MATH 1614 Numbers & Operations for Teachers		
	MATH 1624 Geometry for Teachers *Other reasonable substitutes that meet the requirement		
6 Credits Science	ISC 1005 Integrated Science Reasoning		
	ISC 1006 Integrated Science Reasoning **Or any two different Science Content		
6 credits History	HIST 1115 History of the United States		
	HIST 1116 History of the United States or HIST 1215 Intro to World History		
3 Credits Geography	GEO 1014 World Regions or GEO 1004 Introduction to Human Geography *or Other reasonable substitutes that meet the requirement w/approval		
3 Credits Child Development	HD 1004 Human Development or		
	PSYC 2034 Developmental Psych		
	Can be taken in Summer 1 prior to starting the program in Summer 2		
Licensure Requirement	EDCI 5554 or EDCI 3134 Exceptional Learners		
Licensure Requirement	EDEP 5154 or EDEP 2374 Psych Foundations for Teachers		