

Virginia Tech School of Education

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Career and Technical Education (*Ed.S. in Career and Technical Education*)

Program Requirements

To earn the Ed.S. degree, the following minimum requirements must be met:

- The student must complete 30 semester hours of graduate credit beyond those courses required for a master's degree. Of the minimum of 60 credits beyond the bachelor's degree, at least 30 credits must be taken at Virginia Tech.
- All courses included on the Education Specialist degree approved plan of study must be completed. The plan of study will be developed by the student and advisor and approved by the student's three-member (minimum) advisory committee no later than the completion of 9 semester hours of credit. The chair or co-chair of the advisory committee must be a faculty member in CTE and at least one other member must be in the School of Education. To prepare for the qualifying exam, at which the plan of study is approved, the student will also write and distribute to the committee a paper describing education and work experiences and career goals.
- All graduate credit included on the candidate's program of study and approved by the candidate's advisory committee must be no more than 5 years old when the plan of study is approved, unless a justification is approved by the student's advisory committee and the Graduate School.
- The student will present a project proposal, which must be approved by the advisory committee. The student will enroll in 3 semester hours for this project. When the project is complete, the student will schedule a defense meeting, and the project report must be approved by a majority of the advisory committee members.

- Students must successfully pass a written and oral final examination related to the areas in the plan of study by receiving a majority of passing votes from the three-person committee.
- All students must complete a minimum of 21 semester hours of coursework at Virginia Tech after acceptance into the Ed.S. program. These courses may be taken through distance learning. Virginia Tech credit used to satisfy the requirements for the master's degree cannot be used to satisfy these 21 hours. No more than 6 semester hours of independent or special study can be used to satisfy this requirement.

Each student pursuing the Education Specialist degree in CTE must complete a at least the specified credits course work in the following areas, which may include studies from the master's degree:

Research or Evaluation	6 semester hours
Foundations	6 semester hours
Concentration	12 semester hours
Cognate	3 semester hours
Project	3 semester hours
Total	30 semester hours

Each Education Specialist degree student must successfully pass the following examinations: admissions interview, qualifying examination, project proposal, project defense, and final examination.