



INCLUDE & INSPIRE

✓Flexible ✓Affordable ✓Supportive ✓Practical



APPLICATION DEADLINES— **Summer:** April 1st, **Fall:** July 1st, **Spring:** November 1st

Missed the deadline? We will accept applications until the program is full. Email us at graduate@longwood.edu.

LESS THAN ONE YEAR TO A NEW CAREER

SPECIAL EDUCATION

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Immersive and Personalized

From day one, you'll be teaching in a real classroom with ongoing, personalized support from expert faculty. You'll graduate with the confidence and experience to make an immediate impact.

With small class sizes, dedicated faculty, and an affordable format built for busy professionals, you'll join a close-knit community committed to helping every student thrive.

Many Paths to Achieve Career Goals

Whether you're starting your career, switching careers, or looking to add special education to your skillset, you can enroll to become a master's level SPED teacher. Enter with your BA or BS in any field and earn your master's degree and teacher licensure. Both Initial Licensure and Licensed Virginia teachers can earn their master's degree in 39 credits.

This program provides all students the tools, experience, and knowledge to be a master's level licensed special education teacher or to support special education students in a general education classroom.

“The professors are very hands-on. If you have any questions during your residency, the faculty and your cohort are just a message away.”

—Sherae McRae, M.S.'21



TEACH WITH
PURPOSE.

LEAD WITH
IMPACT.

Prepare to support diverse learners through a flexible graduate program that combines real-world classroom experience with personalized faculty support.



BECOMING A LICENSED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER MAY OPEN THE DOOR TO OPPORTUNITIES!

- Special education teacher
- Special education coordinator
- Department chair
- Transition counselor
- Teach for America
- School headmaster

**Additional coursework may be required for some of these career pathways.*

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Official bachelor's degree transcripts** from an accredited college or university and all transcripts for subsequent coursework.
- ✓ **A minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75+ (on 4.0 scale)**
Options available if you do not meet this requirement.
- ✓ **500+ word essay** addressing reasons for seeking graduate education in Special Education
- ✓ **Resume**
- ✓ **Two letters of recommendation**
- ✓ **Valid VA teaching license** or equivalent from another state (Licensed Teacher Track Only)
- ✓ **\$40 application fee**

✓ **NO GRE REQUIRED**

TUITION AND FEES

Based on current tuition rates, tuition costs \$460 per credit hour* in-state and \$470 per credit hour out-of-state*. These costs do not include textbooks. Financial aid, graduate assistantships, and monthly payment plans are available. For questions about cost and the application process, contact Longwood Graduate Studies at graduate@longwood.edu.

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