

ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Education / B.S.Ed. Elementary Education,
PK-6 Licensure Pathway
2023-2024

A.S. Education

ADVANCE Program Milestones

ADVANCE Milestone Requirements: All ADVANCE students must adhere to the following requirements. For Milestones #1-#3, failure to meet these milestones will prevent a student from matriculating to Mason and/or result in termination from ADVANCE. For Milestones #4-#7, failure to meet these milestones may delay matriculation to Mason.

1. Students must complete their NOVA degree within 4 years of being admitted into ADVANCE. Students are highly encouraged to be continuously enrolled at NOVA/Mason to support progress towards degree completion.
2. Students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA at NOVA and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA upon matriculation to Mason.
3. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the fall semester must apply for NOVA spring graduation by March 1 or summer graduation by June 1. Students who wish to enroll at Mason for the spring semester must apply for NOVA fall graduation by October 1.
4. Students must begin developmental coursework no later than the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
5. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MDE or EDE courses (excluding summer).
6. In the first 30 credits, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
7. Students must complete a Mason Core Quantitative Reasoning course equivalent with a C or better no later than one semester before NOVA graduation. Refer to your pathway to select the appropriate MTH course(s).

ADVANCE Program-Specific Requirements:

1. Students must receive a C or better in all major courses for teacher licensure.
2. Before matriculating to Mason, students should attempt the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA).
3. Students must complete the application to the major process prior to matriculating to Mason in the fall. For more information about the application, see <https://education.gmu.edu/elementary-education/current-student-information/application-to-the-major>
4. Students must meet with a Mason Content Area Advisor prior to completing the application to the major: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse>

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills OR SDV 101 Orientation to Teaching	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I ¹	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	EDU 207 or PSY 230	3	EDU 207 Human Growth and Development OR PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	EDUC L302 PSYC 211	General Elective
4	MTH 154	3	MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning	MATH 106	Quantitative
5	Science Course #1	4	BIO 101 General Biology I OR ENV 121 General Environmental Science I	BIOL 103/105 EVPP 108/109	Nat Science
6	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II ¹	ENGH XXX	General Elective
7	HIS Course	3	HIS 121 United States History to 1877 OR HIS 122 United States History Since 1865	HIST 121 HIST 122	General Elective
8	EDU 200	3	EDU 200 Introduction to Teaching as a Profession	EDUC 200	Soc/Behav
9	MTH 245 or Higher	3	MTH 245 Statistics I	STAT 250	General Elective
10	Science Course #2	4	CHM 101 Introductory Chemistry I OR GOL 105 Physical Geology OR GOL 106 Historical Geology OR PHY 100 Elements of Physics	CHEM 103 GEOL 101/103 GEOL 102/104 PHYS 103	Nat Science
11	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Human Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
12	Education Elective #1	3	EDU 280 Technology Standards for Teachers	ELED 257	Info Tech
13	ENG Literature	3	ENG 245 British Literature ENG 246 American Literature ENG 250 Children's Literature (<i>recommended</i>) ENG 255 World Literature ENG 258 African-American Literature	ENGH 202 ENGH 202 ELED 258 FRLN L330 ENGH 202	Literature

14	Social Science Elective	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography	GG5 101	Global Understanding
15	Education Elective #2	3	HIS 101 Western Civilizations Pre-1600 CE OR	HIST 101	Global History
			HIS 102 Western Civilizations Post 1600 CE OR HIS 112 World Civilizations Post-1500 CE (<i>recommended</i>)	HIST 102 HIST 125	
16	EDU 250	3	EDU 250 Foundations of Exceptional Education	EDSE 201	General Elective
17	EDU 204	3	EDU 204 Teaching in Diverse Society	EDUC L301	Major
18	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ART 101 History of Art: Prehistoric to Gothic OR	ARTH 200	Arts
			ART 102 History of Art: Renaissance to Modern OR MUS 121 Music in Society	ARTH 201 MUSI 101	
19	Education Elective #3	3	ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed (co-enrollment course) OR	ELED 242	Major or General Elective
			EDU 270 Intro to Autism OR	EDSE XXX	
			ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR	ECON 104	
			ENG 200 Introduction to Linguistics (recommended for ESOL education) OR	LING L306	
20	Education Elective #4	3	ENG 210 Advanced Composition (for VCLA Prep) OR	ENGL XXX	General Elective
			PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100	
			EDU 270 Intro to Autism OR	EDSE XXX	
			ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics OR	ECON 104	
			ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics OR	ECON 103	
PLS 135 U.S. Government and Politics (3 CR.) OR	GOVT 103				
PLS 136 State and Local Government and Politics (3 CR.) OR	GOVT L304				
PSY 200 Principles of Psychology	PSYC 100				

A.S. EDUCATION DEGREE

TOTAL 60

For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html>

B.S.Ed. Elementary Education

Note: All coursework in the major requires a grade of C or better for licensure. Most courses will only be offered once a year. Please consult your Mason Advisor.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course		MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Written Communication (Upper-level)	3	ENGL 302 Advanced Composition		Written Comm
22	Major or Elective Requirements	3	ELED 242 Foundations of Elementary Ed (<i>if not taken through co-enrollment at NOVA</i>) OR General Elective (See: Advisor)		Major or General Elective
23	Major Requirements	3	ELED 305 Foundations of Elementary Methods and Management	Fall only	Major
24	Major Requirements	3	ELED 410 Emergent and Early Literacy	Fall only	Major
25	Major Requirements	3	ELED 443 Children, Family, Culture, and Schools, 4-12 Year Olds	Fall only	Major
26	Major Requirements	3	ELED 454 Methods of Teaching Social Studies and Integrating Fine Arts in the Elementary Classroom	Fall only	Major
27	Major Requirements	2	ELED 390 Clinical Experience: Theory to Practice Integration, Part 1	Fall only	Major
28	Major Requirements	3	ELED 401 Classroom Management and Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	Spring only	Major
29	Major Requirements	3	ELED 411 Reading Development, Processes, Assessment, and Pedagogy	Spring only	Major
30	Major Requirements	3	ELED 452 Mathematics Methods for the Elementary Classroom	Spring only	Major
31	Major Requirements	3	ELED 453 Science Methods for the Elementary Classroom	Spring only	Major
32	Major Requirements	1	ELED 391 Clinical Experience: Theory to Practice Integration, Part 2	Spring only	Major
33	Major Requirements	3	ELED 402 Differentiating Elementary Methods and Management	Fall only	Major
34	Major Requirements	3	ELED 421 STEM in the Elementary Classroom	Fall only	Major

35	Major Requirements	3	Elem Ed Elective: ECED 404 Engaging Families of Diverse Learners, Birth - Grade 6 OR EDCI 423 Methods for Teaching PK-6 English Learners in Inclusive Classrooms OR EDSE 241 Characteristics of Students with Disabilities: High-Incidence OR EDSE 353 Individualized Behavior Supports OR ELED 422 Collaboration in PK-6 Inclusive School Settings OR PHED 330 Health and Physical Activity for Classroom Teachers		Major
36	Major Requirements	3	ELED 412 Writing Development, Processes and Pedagogy	Fall only	Major
37	Major Requirements	3	ELED 480 Practicum in Elementary Education	Fall only	Major
38	Major Requirements	3	ELED 459 Research and Assessment in Elementary Education	Spring only	Writing Intensive
39	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Major Requirement	9	ELED 490 Internship in Elementary Education	Spring only	Synthesis

B.S.ED. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEGREE TOTAL 120

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your ADVANCE Coach to enroll.

Important Academic Information:

¹Students who complete ENG 111 after Spring 2024 will earn ENGH elective for ENG 111 and ENGH 101 for ENG 112.

Additional General Notes & Resources:

- Students must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA and pass all Commonwealth of Virginia mandated tests for licensure area. Grades of C or higher are required in all major course work.
- Termination from the major may be imposed as a result of excessive repeating of required courses without achieving the minimum standard, and for other evidence of continued failure to make adequate progress toward completion of the major, including failure to maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and failure to exhibit professional dispositions. A grade of C or higher is required in each of the Elementary Education major courses (see Requirements section in the catalog for list of 17 required major courses). Students will not be permitted to make more than three graded attempts to achieve a C or higher in each course. Those who do not successfully complete a major course within three attempts will be terminated from the major.
- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, & AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
- For academic policies and procedures, please see Mason catalog - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/>
- Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.