# **Post-Baccalaureate Endorsement**

# Elementary Education (PreK-6) Post-Baccalaureate Endorsement

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Many students who already possess an undergraduate degree enter Old Dominion University for the sole purpose of meeting Virginia's teaching licensure standards. When these students apply for admission into an approved teacher education program, they are considered to be post-baccalaureate endorsement program candidates and must meet the college's policy for admitting students into an approved teacher education program. Admission to Old Dominion University does not guarantee admission into the post-baccalaureate endorsement teacher preparation programs in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies. The Pre-K-6 post-baccalaureate endorsement option is available for those students who wish to pursue licensure and do not meet the master's degree admission requirements or who do not wish to pursue the master's degree.

This licensure program in elementary education (Pre-K-6) is designed for individuals with a non-teaching BS or BA degree, or for those with a teaching license in another teaching area, who want to obtain licensure to teach in grade Pre-K through grade six.

#### Admission

All students must apply for and be admitted into the approved post-baccalaureate endorsement program for Elementary Education (grades Pre-K-6). The following admission criteria must be met:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college/university is required in the liberal arts and sciences (or equivalent) including specific course work to meet Virginia's stated coursework competencies for elementary education (Pre-K-6) subject area preparation.
- 2. Students must meet the required criteria for admission by passing the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments and earning the minimum required grade point averages (GPA). Virginia Board of Education prescribed entry assessments are outlined in Office of Clinical Experiences section of the catalog. For the most current information on the prescribed Virginia Board of Education admission assessment, visit the Office of Clinical Experiences website, http://www.odu.edu/oce (http://www.odu.edu/oce/) and review the Teacher Education Handbook.
- 3. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.75 is required for admission.
- 4. No courses in the <u>academic major</u> or <u>professional education</u> in which the student has made below a "C" will be accepted in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies.
- 5. An application for non-degree admission must be submitted by the appropriate deadline for admission. Under certain circumstances, applicants who do not fully meet the requirements for regular admission to the program may be admitted on a provisional basis subject to conditions specified by the graduate program director for elementary/middle education.

#### **Program Requirements**

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Students seeking initial licensure for grades PreK-6 must meet the academic concentration requirements with a minimum grade of "C". Transcripts will be evaluated by the education advisor to determine whether these academic requirements have been met by previous course work. Subject area specific

course work that was not met in previous course work must be completed prior to Teacher Candidate Internship (student teaching) orientation session.

### Curriculum

#### **Prerequisite Courses**

<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		28
TLED 679	Advanced Classroom Management and Practicum in PreK-6	3
TLED 669	Internship/Student Teaching and Seminar	6
TLED 583	Seminar in Teacher Education	1
TLED 535	Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Social Studies	3
TLED 532	Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Language Arts	3
READ 680	Literacy Across the Curriculum	3
STEM 534	Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Science	3
SPED 500	Foundations of Special Education: Legal Aspects and Characteristics	3
STEM 533	Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Mathematics	3
<b>Graduate Profession</b>	al Education Courses	
SPED 613	Human Growth and Development	
TLED 617	Digital Age Teaching and Learning	
TLED 608	Foundations of Education and Instructional Assessment	
TLED 568	Language Acquisition and Reading for Students with Diverse Learning Needs	
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Due to changing University requirements, national standards, and the Virginia Board of Education licensure regulations, the programs in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies are under constant revision. Any changes resulting from these factors supersede the program requirements described in this Catalog. Students are encouraged to obtain current program information from their advisors and from the Office of Clinical Experiences website: http://www.odu.edu/oce/)

## **Additional Requirements**

#### Continuance

- Students must maintain a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.00. A grade of "B" or higher is required in all practicum coursework.
- A grade of "C" or higher is required in all undergraduate content knowledge and professional education courses.
- 3. A grade of "B" or higher is required in all graduate practicum courses.
- A grade "B-" or higher is required in all graduate professional education courses (excluding graduate practicum coursework).
- Students must complete the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
  modules during the first twelve graduate credit hours at Old Dominion
  University. For more information review the instructions at:
  https://www.odu.edu/impact/responsible-conduct-of-training (https://
  www.odu.edu/impact/responsible-conduct-of-training/).
- 6. Students must take and pass all Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments including the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA), the Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary (Test Code 5205), and the Praxis Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects code 5001, prior to or while enrolled in TLED 583-Seminar in Teacher Education.
- All assessments must be passed prior to the start of the Teacher Candidate Internship Orientation session.
- 8. A clearance background check process must be completed prior to placement in a field experience required for practicum courses and for the teacher candidate internship. For more information please

- review the policy in the Office of Clinical Experiences website: http://www.odu.edu/oce (http://www.odu.edu/oce/).
- Students must obtain certificates of completion in First Aid/AED/CPR, Dyslexia Awareness Training, Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training, Regulations Governing the Use of Restraint and Seclusion in Elementary and Secondary Schools, and Cultural Competence Training.

To review more information on the Virginia Board of Education prescribed professional assessments visit the Office of Clinical Experiences website: http://www.odu.edu/oce (http://www.odu.edu/oce/).

#### **Exit**

Requirements for completion are:

- 1. A minimum cumulative 3.00 graduate GPA
- 2. Successful completion of the Teacher Candidate Internship
- 3. Completion of all course requirements
- 4. Submission of an application for Virginia licensure.
- No courses in the <u>academic major</u> or <u>professional education</u> in which the student earned below a "C" will be accepted toward licensure requirements in the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies.