TLED - Teaching & Learning-Education

TEACHING AND LEARNING-EDUCATION Courses

TLED 195. Topics in Education. 1-3 Credits.
Explores contemporary problems and trends in education. Emphasis is placed upon topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation.

TLED 301. Foundations and Introduction to Assessment of Education. 3 Credits.
Introduces the historical, philosophical, and sociological foundations and contemporary issues of American public education. Includes the use and analysis of assessment data and the construction and interpretation of assessments. Students are expected independently to register for and take the Praxis Core examination while enrolled in this course. Students in PreK-6 programs will complete a 15 hour observation/participation experience in a primary setting (preK-3) and a 15 hour observation/participation experience in an upper elementary (4-6) setting; students in 6-12 or 6-8 programs will complete a 30 hour observation/participation experience in an appropriate setting. Prerequisites: sophomore standing.

TLED 320. Perspectives on the Young Child and the Family. 3 Credits.
This course examines the familial lives of young children (Birth through Grade 3) and supports understandings of working with parents and families in early childhood settings. Family systems theory provides the basis for study and guides understandings of contemporary family structures. The stages of the family life cycle are explored; principles of healthy family functioning are emphasized to promote healthy growth for children. Prerequisites: FOUN 301 and TLED 301.

TLED 326. Socio-Cultural Perspectives in Education. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on the principles and methods of understanding and working with the young child across the content areas of early mathematics, science, literacy, social studies, and the arts. Course includes a 40 hour practicum placement in an early care classroom. Prerequisites: TLED 330.

TLED 360. Classroom Management and Discipline. 2 Credits.
Examines theories, research, and practices involved in classroom management, motivation, and discipline. Explores techniques for organizing and arranging classroom environments that are most conducive to learning. Prerequisites: TLED 301 or MUSC 300 with a C- or higher.

TLED 395. Topics in Education. 1-3 Credits.
Explores contemporary problems and trends in education. Emphasis is placed upon topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Prerequisites: junior standing.

TLED 408. Reading and Writing in Content Areas. 3 Credits.
This course examines and promotes literacy development in all content areas, including the development and use of disciplinary comprehension and writing/production skills. Students will explore and consider a repertoire of questioning strategies, and strategies in literal, interpretive, critical, analytical, and evaluative comprehension across the curriculum, grades 6-12. Prerequisites: a grade of C- or higher in TLED 430W and SPED 313 or a grade of C- or higher in one of the following: SEPS 297, MUSC 300, TLED 301, STEM 351, MUSC 335T, ARTS 279, HPE 200, HPE 317, SPED 400, and TLED 474.

TLED 426. Introduction to Literacy Research, Theory and Practice in the Classroom. 3 Credits.
This course will provide students with an overview of the foundations of research, theory, and best practices in literacy instruction. Emphasis is placed upon providing candidates with approaches rooted in culturally sustaining pedagogy to foster equity and engagement for all learners. The course will assist in facilitating the student's professional preparation as a teacher who promotes the success of all students by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of excellent literacy instruction. Prerequisites: FOUN 301.

TLED 430W. PK-12 Instructional Technology. 3 Credits.
Classroom technology and learning strategies are explored through authentic technology and writing activities. This writing intensive (W) course uses contemporary productivity tools and Internet resources to develop and evaluate progressive instructional techniques and K-12 standards-based curriculum materials, which have changed as a result of the development and integration of technology in the classroom. Prerequisites: ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C with a grade of C or better and TLED 301 or HPE 200 or TLED 474 or SPED 400.

TLED 432/532. Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Language Arts. 3 Credits.
Following a theory into practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote children's development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in language arts in grades PreK-6 in support of NCATE national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Prerequisites: ENGL 110C and ENGL 211C or ENGL 221C or ENGL 231C, TLED 326, and Junior standing. Pre- or corequisite: TLED 426.

TLED 435/535. Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Social Studies. 3 Credits.
Following a theory into practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote children's development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in social studies in grades PreK-6 in support of NCSS national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Prerequisites: HIST 100H, HIST 104H, GEOG 100S, TLED 326, and Junior standing.
TLED 451/551. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: English. 3 Credits.

Following a theory/ research-into-practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote the development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in English, grades 6-12, informed by national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning; 35 hours of teaching practicum required. Prerequisites: TLED 301 or TLED 430W or SPED 313, passing scores on Praxis Core or Praxis I (if passing scores were achieved prior to January 1, 2014) or equivalent SAT scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, no grade less than C- in content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75.

TLED 452/552. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: Math and Science. 3 Credits.

This science and mathematics course will provide methods for teaching diverse learners through culturally sustaining pedagogy, inquiry-oriented, and problem solving strategies using technology and engineering design principles. Students in this course take a required practicum (35 hours) in a secondary science or mathematics classroom to complete assigned content-focused activities. Corequisite: TLED 483. Prerequisites: TLED 301, TLED 430W and SPED 313.

TLED 455/555. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: Social Studies. 3 Credits.

Following a theory/research-into-practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote the development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in social studies, grades 6-12, informed by national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning; 35 hours of teaching practicum required. Corequisite: TLED 483. Prerequisites: TLED 301, TLED 430W, SPED 313, passing scores on Praxis Core or Praxis I (if passing scores were achieved prior to January 1, 2014) or equivalent SAT scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, no grade less than C- in content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75.

TLED 468/568. Language Acquisition and Reading for Students with Diverse Learning Needs. 3 Credits.

This course provides an overview of normal language development and language disorders which impact the acquisition of language based curriculum skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and written expression. Emphasis is on instructional techniques to assist students with diverse learning needs to achieve reading and comprehension skills. Effective reading strategies and curricula for individuals with disabilities will also be reviewed. Prerequisites: junior standing.

TLED 474/574. Foundations and Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Education. 3 Credits.

This course addresses current issues related to children and families in early childhood settings. Contemporary research on pedagogical and formative assessment practices related to the education of young children will be discussed through critical exploration. This course will also have an associated 40 hour practicum (20 hours in an infant or toddler classroom and 20 hours in a preschool age classroom). Prerequisites: Instructor approval required.

TLED 476. Practical Applications in the World of Children. 3 Credits.

This course is part of the Children's Rights interdisciplinary minor. Supervised involvement of the student in Old Dominion University's Child Study Center classrooms where the student observes and gains experience working with master's-level teachers while planning and executing developmentally appropriate activities for young children from age six weeks to six years. Prerequisites: junior standing.

TLED 478/578. Integrating Instruction Across the Curriculum PreK-6. 3 Credits.

Following a theory into practice philosophy and building on the instructional strategies for specific disciplines, students explore, develop, and use advanced instructional materials, technologies, and activities to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary instruction across the curriculum in grades PreK-6 in support of national standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. The field experience component (40 hours) includes participation in prek-3 and 4th-6th grade classrooms in an accredited public or non-public school, per program requirement. Prerequisites: Admission to an approved teacher education program and any two of the following courses: TLED 432, TLED 435, STEM 433, or STEM 434.

TLED 479/579. Classroom Management and Practice PreK-3; PreK-6. 3 Credits.

Course prepares prospective PreK-3 and PreK-6 teachers to provide instruction and management addressing the intellectual, physical, emotional and social needs of PreK-6 learners founded in empirically based practice. The field based component (70 hours) includes participation in PreK-3 and 4th-6th grade classrooms in an accredited public or non-public school. Students in the Prek-3 program are required to complete 35 hours in the Child's Learning and Research Center. Attendance at seminars and debriefing sessions is required. Prerequisites: Admission to an approved teacher education program and any two of the following courses: TLED 432, TLED 435, STEM 433, or STEM 434.

TLED 480/580. Multicultural Young Adult Literature in Schools. 3 Credits.

This course will explore the reading and teaching of diverse young adult literature. Topics addressed include ideas about adolescents and their learning practices; characteristics of young adult literature and literary criticism; analysis of texts from a range of young adult genres; methods for teaching young adult literature; and lesson and unit design. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

TLED 483/583. Seminar in Teacher Education. 1 Credit.

Explores issues, problems, concerns, and processes related to teaching and to entering the profession of teaching. Passing scores on Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Assessment in licensure content area, passing scores on the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA), and where appropriate passing scores on Reading for Virginia Educators are required to pass this course. Prerequisites: Admission to an approved teacher education program and Senior standing.

TLED 485. Teacher Candidate Internship. 12 Credits.

Internship in school. Available for pass/fail grading only. Prerequisites: completion of all program requirements and admission into an approved program in teacher education.

TLED 486/586. Student Teaching for Special Endorsement. 3-6 Credits.

Internship in school. Available for pass/fail grading only. Prerequisites: Collegiate Professional Certificate and/or completion of an approved program in teacher education, passing scores on Praxis Core examination or equivalent SAT or ACT scores as established by VA Board of Education, passing scores on the appropriate Praxis II content examination, passing score on the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment, departmental approval, permission of the director of teacher education services, meet grade requirement in the specific content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75, and a criminal background check.

TLED 487. Teacher Candidate Internship for Early Childhood Education. 12 Credits.

Field-based 14-week experiences in the early childhood setting that include a minimum of 150 hours of direct instruction. The teacher candidate internship is the culminating experience of all teacher education programs. This experience is a crucial part of a teacher candidate's preparation to becoming a professional educator. Prerequisites: TLED 493 and admission to an approved teacher education program.
TLED 488. Teacher Candidate Internship - Elementary Education. 12 Credits.
Five days per week for 14 weeks. Available for pass/fail grading only. Provides practice in teaching in grades PK-6 and in analyzing teaching approaches and behaviors. Examines instructional problems and concerns. Prerequisites: TLED 478 and TLED 479; completion of an approved program in teacher education PreK-6; passing scores on the appropriate PRAXIS multiple subject assessment content examination, Reading for Virginia Educators examination, and the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment; no grade less than C- in content area and professional education core; and minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75.

TLED 490. The Child and the Family: PreK-3. 3 Credits.
This course examines the familial lives of young children (Birth through Grade 3) and supports understandings of working with parents and families in early childhood. Family systems theory provides the basis for study and guides understandings of contemporary family structures. The stages of the family life cycle are explored; principles of healthy family functioning are emphasized to promote healthy growth for children. Prerequisites: instructor approval required.

TLED 492. Integrating Instruction: Mathematics and Science Across the Early Childhood Curriculum. 3 Credits.
This course emphasizes the development of young children's problem solving skills, strategies, and abilities and the promotion of active science and math explorations within early childhood classrooms. Multiple perspectives and approaches to planning, teaching, and assessing science and mathematics in the early childhood classroom are explored and practiced. This course includes a 40 hour practicum experience in an early childhood classroom. Prerequisite: MATH 302, TLED 328, and admission to an approved teacher education program.

TLED 493. Integrating Literacy and Social Studies Across the PreK - 3 Curriculum. 3 Credits.
This course emphasizes the development of young children's multiple literacies and the promotion of active literacy and social studies explorations within early childhood classrooms. Multiple perspectives and approaches to planning, teaching, and assessing literacy and social studies in the early childhood classroom are explored and practiced. This course includes a 40 hour practicum experience in an early childhood classroom. Prerequisites: TLED 492, HIST 104H, GEOG 1008, TLED 337, and admission to Teacher Education. Pre- or corequisite: TLED 426.

TLED 495/595. Topics in Education. 1-4 Credits.
Explores contemporary problems and trends in education. Emphasis is placed upon topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Prerequisites: junior or graduate standing.

TLED 496/596. Topics in Education. 1-3 Credits.
Cannot be applied to a Master of Science in Education degree in the Department of Teaching and Learning. Explores contemporary problems and trends in education. Emphasis is placed upon topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Prerequisites: junior or graduate standing.

TLED 497/597. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Hours to be arranged. Allows the student to engage in independent study of issues and trends in education. Emphasis is placed upon topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Prerequisite: junior standing.

TLED 532. Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Language Arts. 3 Credits.
Following a theory into practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote children's development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in language arts in grades PreK-6 in support of NCTE national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Prerequisites: a grade of C or higher in TLED 617 and TLED 468/TLED 568.

TLED 535. Developing Instructional Strategies PreK-6: Social Studies. 3 Credits.
Following a theory into practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote children's development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in social studies in grades PreK-6 in support of NCSS national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Prerequisites: TLED 617.

TLED 551. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: English. 3 Credits.
Following a theory/research-into-practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote the development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in English, grades 6-12, informed by national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning; 35 hours of teaching practicum required. Corequisite: TLED 583. Prerequisites: TLED 608, TLED 617, SPED 613, passing scores on Praxis Core or Praxis I (if passing scores were achieved prior to January 1, 2014) or equivalent SAT scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, no grade less than C- in content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 3.0.

TLED 552. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: Math and Science. 3 Credits.
This science and mathematics course will provide methods for teaching diverse learners through culturally sustaining pedagogy, inquiry-oriented, and problem solving strategies using technology and engineering design principles. Students in this course take a required practicum (35 hours) in a secondary science or mathematics classroom to complete assigned content-focused activities. Corequisite: TLED 583. Prerequisites: TLED 608, TLED 617, and SPED 613.

TLED 555. Developing Instructional Strategies for Teaching in the Middle/High School: Social Studies. 3 Credits.
Following a theory/research-into-practice philosophy, students explore, develop, and use instructional strategies, materials, technologies, and activities to promote the development of attitudes, behaviors, and concepts in social studies, grades 6-12, informed by national instructional standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning; 35 hours of teaching practicum required. Corequisite: TLED 583. Prerequisites: TLED 608, TLED 617, SPED 613, passing scores on Praxis Core or Praxis I (if passing scores were achieved prior to January 1, 2014) or equivalent SAT scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, no grade less than C- in content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 3.0.

TLED 568. Language Acquisition and Reading for Students with Diverse Learning Needs. 3 Credits.
This course provides an overview of normal language development and language disorders which impact the acquisition of language based curriculum skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and written expression. Emphasis is on instructional techniques to assist students with diverse learning needs to achieve reading and comprehension skills. Effective reading strategies and curricula for individuals with disabilities will also be reviewed.

TLED 574. Foundations and Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood Education. 3 Credits.
This course addresses current issues related to children and families in early childhood settings. Contemporary research on pedagogical and formative assessment practices related to the education of young children will be discussed through critical exploration. This course will also have an associated 40 hour practicum (20 hours in an infant or toddler classroom and 20 hours in a preschool age classroom).
TLED 578. Integrating Instruction Across the Curriculum PreK-6. 3 Credits.
Following a theory into practice philosophy and building on the instructional strategies for specific disciplines, students explore, develop, and use advanced instructional materials, technologies, and activities to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary instruction across the curriculum in grades PreK-6 in support of national standards and the Virginia Standards of Learning. The field experience component (40 hours) includes participation in prek-3 and 4th-6th grade classrooms in an accredited public or non-public school, per program requirement. Prerequisites: TLED 301 or TLED 290, passing scores on PRAXIS Core or met equivalent scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, no grade less than C in content area and professional education core, minimum major overall GPA of at least 3.0 and at least two of the following: TLED 532, TLED 535, STEM 533, and STEM 534.

TLED 579. Classroom Management and Practice PreK-3; PreK-6. 3 Credits.
Course prepares prospective PreK-3 and PreK-6 teachers to provide instruction and management addressing the intellectual, physical, emotional and social needs of PreK-6 learners founded in empirically based practice. The field based component (70 hours) includes participation in PreK-3 and 4th-6th grade classrooms in an accredited public or non-public school. Students in the PreK-3 program are required to complete 35 hours in the Children's Learning and Research Center. Attendance at seminars and debriefing sessions is required. Prerequisites: TLED 301, passing scores on Praxis Core or met equivalent scores as established by VA Board of Education, a criminal background check, acceptance into teacher education, no grade less than C in content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.8 and at least two of the following courses: TLED 432 or TLED 532, TLED 435 or TLED 535, TLED 478 or TLED 578, STEM 433 or STEM 533, STEM 434 or STEM 534.

TLED 580. Multicultural Young Adult Literature in Schools. 3 Credits.
This course will explore the reading and teaching of diverse young adult literature. Topics addressed include ideas about adolescents and their learning practices; characteristics of young adult literature and literary criticism; analysis of texts from a range of young adult genres; methods for teaching young adult literature; and lesson and unit design.

TLED 583. Seminar in Teacher Education. 1 Credit.
This course explores issues, problems, concerns, and processes related to teaching and entering the profession of teaching. Passing score on Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Assessment in licensure content area, passing scores on the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA), and where appropriate passing scores on Reading for Virginia Educators are required to pass this course. Prerequisite: admitted to approved teacher education program.

TLED 586. Student Teaching for Special Endorsement. 3-6 Credits.
Internship in school. Available for pass/fail grading only. Prerequisites: Collegiate Professional Certificate and/or completion of an approved program in teacher education, passing scores on the Praxis Core or equivalent SAT or ACT scores as established by VA Board of Education, passing scores on the appropriate Praxis II content examination, passing score on the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment, departmental approval, permission of the director of teacher education services, meet grade requirement in the specific content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 3.0, and a criminal background check.

TLED 595. Topics in Education. 1-4 Credits.
Explores contemporary problems and trends in education. Emphasis is placed upon topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

TLED 596. Topics in Education. 1-3 Credits.
Cannot be applied to a Master of Science in Education degree in the Department of Teaching and Learning. Explores contemporary problems and trends in education. Emphasis is placed upon topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

TLED 597. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
Hours to be arranged. Allows the student to engage in independent study of issues and trends in education. Emphasis is placed upon topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Prerequisite: graduate standing.

TLED 608. Foundations of Education and Instructional Assessment. 3 Credits.
Provides students with an understanding of historical, philosophical, economic, and sociological issues in American education, their effect on student achievement, and the impact of social change on existing institutions. Includes the development of instruction based on assessment data including the use, construction, interpretation, and analysis of valid assessments. A 30-hour observation/participation experience is required in an appropriate prek-6, 6-8, or 6-12 grade level. Prerequisites: graduate standing.

TLED 614. Arts in Education. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide students with a range of approaches for thinking about the arts in education, with specific emphasis on the visual arts. It assumes that life in the 21st century calls for competencies that are critical, flexible, collaborative, and relational and forwards artistic thinking as complementary to this need. In addition to course readings that explore cognitive, developmental, cultural, and social dimensions of art and learning, students will be asked to participate in activities associated with making and viewing art, as well as consider implications for designing K-12 curriculum.

TLED 615. Teaching in the Middle School. 4 Credits.
Focusing on middle school teaching, this course examines the organization, curriculum, instructional strategies, classroom management techniques, and teaching methods for working with young adolescents. Also covered are middle school guidance, exploratories, scheduling, and parent-school relations. A 30-hour practicum in a middle school is required. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

TLED 617. Digital Age Teaching and Learning. 3 Credits.
In this class, contemporary digital tools and Internet resources are used to develop instructional plans and contribute to teaching techniques. The course is designed with three components: effectively integrating technology into the delivery of the curriculum, evidence-based good teaching practices utilizing technology that spans across grades and subject levels, and the technologies that support those practices. Upon completion of this course students should be able to pass, or apply for exemption from their school district’s TSIP exam.

TLED 618. Assessment and Evaluation in PK-12 Schools. 3 Credits.
This course will prepare teachers for the appropriate use of formative and summative assessment and evaluation principles in support of students’ learning and development. Students will learn to analyze assessment data to evaluate reliability and validity, interpret student performance, and make instructional decisions.

TLED 619. Classroom Research and Assessment in Curriculum and Instruction. 3 Credits.
Students will learn research techniques such as the selection of appropriate designs and data collection protocols in the process of conducting their own research studies with pupils in grades PK-12. Measurement and evaluation principles and procedures for assessing and promoting students’ learning and development will be addressed as well as the interpretations of data analyses as part of informed instruction. Students will be required to write the typical three-chapter portion of a Problems Paper Option.

TLED 620. Education and Public Policy. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the political nature of education and its implications for teaching and learning. Students will be expected to critically consider the development and implementation of formal policies designed to improve education in U.S. schools. To do so, students will consider historical and contemporary trends in educational theory and research to situate current policies and practices in our nation’s schools, with a clear focus on understanding the range and scope of policy dilemmas in the public pre-K–12 sector of education.
TLED 621. Foundations and History of Education. 3 Credits.
This seminar explores foundational ideas of democratic education. While focusing on the contexts and conditions of contemporary education, it traces the roots of educational theory and philosophy from the formation of the common school to the policy reforms of the 21st century. This look at the present through the past provides insight into the interactions between social, economic, political, ideological, and environmental factors and its impact on the purposes of education, school curriculum and ideas of measurement and evaluation. Students will be expected to consider the implications of these factors for democratic education, historically and presently, as it relates to issues of race, class, gender, and multiculturalism.

TLED 622. Transitioning from Master Teacher to Mentor Teacher. 1 Credit.
The course provides information in five areas through online modules identified by teaching staff and human resource officials to develop mentor teachers. These five areas are: professionalism, collaboration, classroom/behavior management, differentiation of instruction, and diversity. Prerequisite: Licensed teacher, 3 years of experience, recommendation from school division.

TLED 623. Introduction to the Contemporary Student. 3 Credits.
The course is designed to explore contemporary youth as learners with multiple dimensions of identity, including cultural and linguistic diversity. Topics explored include physical, social, emotional, language and conceptual development; digital and print production and consumption; and the selection, development, and use of appropriate curricula, methodologies, and materials for the contemporary student. The course includes a practicum experience (20 hours) as well.

TLED 626. Teaching Language, Culture, and Society in Elementary Education. 3 Credits.
This course will provide methods for teaching diverse learners through culturally sustaining pedagogy, effective methods for designing instructional strategies and materials for teaching social studies and language arts in the elementary grades. Students in this course take a corequisite practicum (40 hours) in elementary classrooms to complete assigned activities designed to further practical development.

TLED 627. Classroom Management, Discipline, and Practice. 3 Credits.
This course prepares prospective PreK-3 and PreK-6 teachers to provide instruction and management addressing the intellectual, physical, emotional and social needs of PreK-6 learners founded in empirically based practice. The field based component (40 hours) includes participation in PreK-3 and 4th-6th grade classrooms in an accredited public or non-public school setting.

TLED 628. Middle Level Philosophy, School Organization and the Young Adolescent. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on theories and principles of adolescent development and learning in family, school, and community contexts. Candidates examine adolescents from biological, psychological, cognitive, and social perspectives. This includes how adolescents learn and what motivates them to learn, and how schools contribute to adolescents’ growth by teaching in ways that “fit” their developmental and cultural needs.

TLED 630. Develop and Enhancing Literacy with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learner Across Content Areas. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the development and implementation of strategies that will accommodate how language and cultural differences affect communication and learning; knowledge of the impact of language-based curriculum skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing; instructional techniques needed to assist individuals identified as culturally, linguistically, and academically diverse in achieving reading and comprehension skills; comprehension strategies; and an understanding of reading across the disciplines.

TLED 631. Classroom Based Inquiry. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to integrate the research on effective teaching and learning with theory and practice through the lens of democratic education. As an introductory survey course, the focus will be on developing the competencies related to the critical consumption of research literature in order to further the teachers candidates’ understanding of the physical, social, emotional, speech and language and intellectual development of children.

TLED 632. Multicultural Education. 3 Credits.
This course will explore critical multicultural education situated within culturally sustaining pedagogical practices to explore issues related to race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, religion, power, and language use; however, this course is not about a celebration of difference, but is designed to enable students to analyze how socially constructed categories such as social class, race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability are used to privilege some and marginalize others.

TLED 633. Middle Level Instruction and Assessment. 3 Credits.
This course will provide opportunities to examine the theoretical and practical applications of data-driven decision making, assessments, and curriculum planning for middle level educators. Students will consider adolescent development as well as student behaviors to analyze standards and effectively plan instruction and assessment. Further, students will apply principles of culturally sustaining pedagogy to middle school instruction and assessment planning and practices.

TLED 636. Problems in Education. 3 Credits.
Provides practice in the use of qualitative or quantitative techniques, including analytical processes, in solving problems in education. Pass/Fail grading only. Prerequisite: FOUN 612.

TLED 638. Researching Teaching in Elementary and Secondary Grades. 3 Credits.
In this course, students will learn the processes of reflective inquiry and conduct informal inquiries of the teaching and learning dynamic in preK-12 school settings. Activities include explorations of professional biography school and classroom culture and practice, student demographics, curriculum, and other critical components of teaching and learning. Prerequisites: graduate standing.

TLED 639. Seminar in Education. 3 Credits.
Hours to be arranged. Explores in depth a variety of current topics, trends and concerns in K-12 education. Prerequisite: 15 graduate hours in education, including all core courses.

TLED 640. The Management of Learning and Instruction. 3 Credits.
This course explores classroom and behavior management techniques including teacher-student relationships, rules and procedures, and disciplinary interventions. Emphasis is placed on building a diverse repertoire of approaches to classroom management at the individual and classroom level. Candidates will develop a classroom management plan that includes techniques for engaging families.

TLED 643. Introduction to the Contemporary Student. 3 Credits.
The course is designed to be an exploration of contemporary youth as learners situated in/by many identities, including those aspects of self related to cultural and linguistic diversity. Among the subjects to be explored are: physical, social, emotional, language and conceptual development; digital and print production and consumption; and the selection, development, and use of appropriate curricula, methodologies, and materials for the contemporary student.

TLED 646. Classroom Based Inquiry. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to integrate the research on effective teaching and learning with theory and practice through the lens of democratic education. As an introductory survey course, the focus will be on developing the competencies related to the critical consumption of research literature in order to further the candidates’ understanding of the physical, social, emotional, speech and language and intellectual development of children. Diverse approaches based upon culturally responsive behavioral, cognitive, affective, social, and ecological theory and practice will be utilized in guiding the learning experience of the course.

TLED 647. Education and Public Policy. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the political nature of education and its implications for teaching and learning. Students will be expected to critically consider the development and implementation of formal policies designed to improve education in US schools. To do so, students will consider historical and contemporary trends in educational theory and research to situate current policies and practices in our nation’s schools, with a clear focus on understanding the range and scope of policy dilemmas in the public pre-K–12 sector of education.
TLED 650. Mathematics Specialists as Teacher Leaders. 3 Credits. The critical characteristics and responsibilities of Mathematics Specialists as teacher leaders will be explored. Structuring professional learning for classroom teachers through peer coaching, mentoring, observations, conferencing and relational group learning will be explored for developing teacher leadership capacity.

TLED 651. Teaching Mathematics for All Using Culturally Responsive Approaches. 3 Credits. Adapting the mathematics teaching and learning practices to accommodate diverse populations will be explored. The essential knowledge and understanding needed by mathematics specialists to support classroom teachers to effectively utilize culturally responsive pedagogies to differentiate instruction and support all learners.

TLED 653. Participatory Action Research for Mathematics Specialists. 3 Credits. Participatory Action Research is introduced to conduct community, school, or classroom-based research for improving mathematics learning and teaching.

TLED 654. Practicum for Mathematics Specialists. 3 Credits. This course requires candidates to complete a 150-hour practicum that is designed to provide opportunities and learning experiences to refine and reinforce mathematical and leadership skills, understandings, and dispositions for optimal performance as a Mathematics Specialist. Pre- or corequisite: TLED 650.

TLED 658. Mathematical Assessment for Data Driven Decisions. 3 Credits. Selected key differences between assessment for and of learning will be examined. Students will design quality assessment systems that provide numerical and descriptive information about student learning and explore ways to use these data to drive instructional decisions for improved learning.

TLED 666. Internship/Student Teaching and Seminar. 9 Credits. Five days per week for 14 weeks. Available for pass/fail grading only. Provides practice in teaching in grades 6-8 and in analyzing teaching approaches and behaviors. Examines instructional problems and concerns. Prerequisites: completion of an approved program in teacher education, 6-8, passing scores on PRAXIS I or equivalent SAT or ACT scores as established by VA State Board of Education, passing scores on the appropriate PRAXIS II content examination, departmental approval, permission of the director of teacher education services, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75.

TLED 667. Internship/Student Teaching and Seminar in PreK-3. 3 Credits. This course provides practice in teaching in grades PK-3 and in analyzing teaching approaches and behaviors. It examines instructional problems and concerns. Each semester the candidate must maintain continuity and a 3.0 GPA to enroll in each teacher candidate internship semester for a total of 9 semester credit hours. Available for pass/fail grading only. Prerequisites: admission to the approved teacher education program; completion of all undergraduate content courses, professional education courses, and all Virginia Department of Education licensure assessments for admission into the ECE graduate program; no grade less than C in content area and professional education core; minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.8; and permission of the department.

TLED 668. Internship/Student Teaching and Seminar. 9 Credits. Five days per week for 14 weeks. Available for pass/fail grading only. Provides practice in teaching in grades PK-6 and in analyzing teaching approaches and behaviors. Examines instructional problems and concerns. Prerequisites: completion of an approved program in teacher education PreK-6, passing scores on PRAXIS I or equivalent SAT or ACT scores as established by VA State Board of Education, passing scores on the appropriate PRAXIS II content examination, departmental approval, permission of the director of teacher education services, no grade less than C in content area and professional education core; minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75.

TLED 669. Internship/Student Teaching and Seminar, 3-9 Credits. Five days per week for 6-14 weeks. Available for pass/fail grading only. Provides practice in teaching and in analyzing teaching approaches and behaviors. Examines instructional problems and concerns. Prerequisites: completion of an approved program in teacher education, passing scores on the appropriate licensure assessments, departmental approval, permission of the director of teacher education services, no grade less than C- in content area and professional education core, minimum major and overall GPA of at least 2.75, GPA of 3.0 required for graduate programs.

TLED 671. Practitioner Inquiry in Elementary and Secondary Grades. 3 Credits. In this course, students will explore research methods and forms of data collection and analysis associated with practitioner inquiry, including self-study and action research. Students will be required to design a research proposal using practitioner inquiry research methods.

TLED 676. Teaching Diverse Learners in Elementary & Secondary Schools. 3 Credits. The course will emphasize evidence-based instructional practices and strategies to teach students with diverse interests, abilities, and prior knowledge. This course examines the impact of students' varied home support mechanisms and resources on the academic skills among students in contemporary schools. Additionally, the course will focus on instructional strategies that are varied and accessible from many perspectives; emphasis is given to methods of instruction that have evidence to support resulting improved student outcomes.

TLED 677. Advanced Child Development Theory and Research. 3 Credits. This course focuses on developing an in-depth understanding of major theories of children's learning and development as well as all aspects of their physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development from birth through adolescence. The course requires that students learn the concepts and terminology associated with each theory and be able to use them in analyzing, interpreting, promoting, and evaluating children's growth and learning in the classroom. Research related to the classroom application of these theories is examined and evaluated based on principles of research design and interpretation.

TLED 679. Advanced Classroom Management and Practicum in PreK-6. 3 Credits. This course will examine advanced methods for educators to use in order to make their classroom teaching and management more efficient and effective. This will include supervised involvement of the student in a practicum setting where the student, instructor and classroom teacher work together closely to develop knowledge and gain expertise in teaching children in a positive and effective learning environment. A weekly seminar is required.

TLED 681. Critical Pedagogy in Early Childhood. 3 Credits. Building from early childhood traditions that recognize the importance of children’s participation in learning, students will employ critical perspectives of early childhood to develop awareness of paradigmatic changes in thinking about young children by considering the heterogeneous nature of childhood. Students will examine and critically reflect on models of the learner and curriculum contexts in early education through an inter-disciplinary focus that views childhood as a complex web of interdependence. This course will provide students with an understanding of how cultural texts and representation practices shape curricular and pedagogical decisions as well as resources for planning curriculum and instruction from constructivist paradigms. Prerequisites: Departmental approval required.

TLED 687. Pedagogy Principles & Models of Instruction. 3 Credits. Students will investigate and analyze a range of pedagogical approaches from the objectivist, constructivist and social family of learning models including major psychological and philosophical approaches. Students will assess the syntax of instructional models that can be applied across a variety of content areas and demonstrate their understanding of various teaching models through the development of lesson plans in their content area.
TLED 690. The Child and the Family. 3 Credits.
This course will examine children in the context of the families in which they live. Family systems theory provides the basis for study, and students do an in-depth examination of their own families of origin. The stages of the family life cycle are taught; principles of healthy family functioning are emphasized to promote healthy growth for children.

TLED 695. Topics in Education. 1-3 Credits.
Provides opportunities for graduate students to explore current topics, trends and issues related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

TLED 697. Independent Study. 1-4 Credits.
Hours to be arranged. Provides opportunities for the master's student to do independent research in an area of his/her particular interests and needs. Prerequisites: graduate standing.

TLED 699. Thesis. 3-6 Credits.
Master's-level research and thesis in topics related to curriculum, instructional strategies, and evaluation in educational settings. Prerequisites: graduate standing and permission of the instructor.

TLED 701. Teacher as Leader. 3 Credits.
This course prepares elementary and secondary teachers to become facilitators of change in schools and communities. They will explore various leader roles in the K-12 context, including exemplary and critically minded practitioner, curriculum decision-maker, researcher, advocate, and facilitator of job-embedded professional development.

TLED 702. Coaching and Mentoring. 3 Credits.
This course prepares teachers to be effective coaches of teacher candidates and inservice teachers in K-12 settings. They will develop understandings of student-centered, evidence-based models of coaching and mentoring, and acquire specific knowledge and skills of effective coaching and mentoring.

TLED 703. Curriculum Leadership. 3 Credits.
This course prepares teachers to enact dynamic curriculum leadership. They will explore curriculum as a design for learning, a set of school experiences based on goals and values, that take into account diverse learners and other stakeholders, including families and communities.

TLED 704. Collaboration and Advocacy. 3 Credits.
The purpose of this course is to develop teacher leaders' skills in facilitation, collaboration, and advocacy at the school, division, and community levels. Emphasis is placed on engaging with diverse stakeholders through culturally responsive means to foster student academic achievement.

TLED 724. Curriculum Development Principles and Practices in Elementary Schools. 3 Credits.
This course will engage students in the on-going debates about the development and shaping of curricula with an emphasis on how these forces play out in elementary schools. The course requires students to investigate the scope and components of curriculum planning, development, and delivery. Students are first expected to develop an understanding of the many forms of dynamic tension at play in curriculum debates, and, subsequently, they are required to develop an understanding of specific ways in which teachers and curriculum leaders can shape the instructional process, and select and use curriculum materials.

TLED 725. Curriculum Development Principles and Practices in Secondary Schools. 3 Credits.
This course will engage students in the on-going debates about the development and shaping of curricula with an emphasis on how these forces play out in secondary schools. The course requires students to investigate the scope and components of curriculum planning, development, and delivery. Students are first expected to develop an understanding of the many forms of dynamic tension at play in curriculum debates, and, subsequently, they are required to develop an understanding of specific ways in which teachers and curriculum leaders can shape the instructional process, and select and use curriculum materials.

TLED 734. Problems of Teaching in the Elementary Grades. 3 Credits.
This course addresses the prevailing issues and trends affecting elementary education in the United States. An understanding of contemporary issues that influence education will assist students in utilizing a critical lens to address those issues in their classrooms. This course provides an opportunity to examine and explore significant theorists, researchers and readings considered foundational as well as contemporary related to sociocultural and political issues within the field of elementary education.

TLED 735. Problems of Teaching in the Secondary Grades. 3 Credits.
This course addresses the prevailing issues and trends affecting secondary education in the United States. An understanding of contemporary issues that influence education will assist students in utilizing a critical lens to address those issues in their classrooms. This course provides an opportunity to examine and explore significant theorists, researchers and readings considered foundational as well as contemporary related to sociocultural and political issues within the field of secondary education.

TLED 744. Diversity and Equity in Elementary Education. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on factors of diversity and social justice that effect decisions elementary teachers must make regarding design and implementation of curriculum, teaching strategies, and materials in order to provide equity and excellence for all learners in the elementary grades.

TLED 745. Diversity and Equity in Secondary Education. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on factors of diversity and social justice that effect decisions secondary teachers must make regarding design and implementation of curriculum, teaching strategies, and materials in order to provide equity and excellence for all learners in the secondary grades.

TLED 775. English Language Learners in the PK-12 Classroom. 3 Credits.
The course is designed to infuse the teachers' competencies related to meeting the instructional needs of English language learners. The course will explore the language, culture, instruction, assessment, and professionalism in order to understand and teach linguistically diverse learners effectively.

TLED 998. Master's Graduate Credit. 1 Credit.
This course is a pass/fail course for master's students in their final semester. It may be taken to fulfill the registration requirement necessary for graduation. All master's students are required to be registered for at least one graduate credit hour in the semester of their graduation.