

# BIS Bachelor of Individualized Study

Elementary Education | Early Childhood Education | Special Education | Inclusive Early Childhood Education



## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

### Elementary Education

Designed for students who have earned their Associate's Degree and are working as instructional assistants. Completers of this program earn a bachelor's degree and are eligible for a Virginia teaching license in PK-6th grades.

### Early Childhood Education

Designed for students who have earned their Associate's Degree in Early Childhood from a Virginia Community College. Completers of this program earn a bachelor's degree and are eligible for a Virginia teaching license in PK-3rd Grades.

### Special Education

Designed for students who have earned their Associate's Degree and are working as instructional assistants. Completers of this program earn a bachelor's degree and are eligible for a Virginia teaching license in both K-12 Special Education endorsement areas (adapted and general).

### Inclusive Early Childhood Education

Designed for students who have earned their transferable Associate's Degree and are working as instructional assistants in PK-3 schools. Completers of this program earn a bachelor's degree and are eligible for a Virginia teaching license in PK-3 and Early Childhood Special Education.



College of Education

See program details on reverse side.



School of Professional  
& Continuing Education

# Eligibility, Field Experience, Program Requirements

## Elementary Education

### Eligibility

- Students with a transferable Associate's Degree
- Students who want to become elementary teachers in VA (PK-6)
- Students who need an online program and are working as instructional assistants in PK-6 schools

### Field Experience

- Typically in a public school PK-6th grade classroom
- Student teach toward the end of the program in a public school PK-6th grade classroom

### Program Requirements

- About 60 credit hours at JMU plus your associate's degree will meet the 120 credit hours required for a bachelor's degree
- For program completion and teacher licensure, the following assessments are required:
  - ALEKS Math Assessment at JMU
  - Virginia Communicator Literacy Assessment (VCLA)
  - Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary
  - Praxis Elementary Subject Assessments (Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies)

## Early Childhood Education

### Eligibility

- VCCS graduates with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood
- Students who want to become early childhood teachers in VA (PK-3)
- Students who need an online program
- Students who need the flexibility to attend full or part-time

### Field Experience

- Typically in a public school PK-3rd grade classroom
- Work experience in childcare settings may count for some of the field experience requirements
- Student teach the final semester in a public school PK-3rd grade classroom

### Program Requirements

- About 60 credit hours at JMU plus your associate's degree will meet the 120 credit hours required for a bachelor's degree
- For program completion and teacher licensure, the following assessments are required:
  - ALEKS Math Assessment at JMU
  - Virginia Communicator Literacy Assessment (VCLA)
  - Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary
  - Praxis Elementary Subject Assessments (Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies)

## Special Education

### Eligibility

- Students with a transferable Associate's Degree
- Students who want to become special education teachers in VA (K-12)
- Students who need an online program and are working as instructional assistants in K-12 schools

### Field Experience

- Typically in a public school K-12 grade classroom
- Student teach the final semesters in a public school K-12 grade classroom

### Program Requirements

- About 60 credit hours at JMU plus your associate's degree will meet the 120 credit hours required for a bachelor's degree
- For program completion and teacher licensure, the following assessments are required:
  - ALEKS Math Assessment at JMU
  - Virginia Communication Literacy Assessment (VCLA)
  - Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary

## Inclusive Early Childhood Education

### Eligibility

- Students with a transferable Associate's Degree
- Students who want to work in Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education or PK-3 General Education
- Students who need an online program and are working as instructional assistants in PK-3 schools

### Field Experience

- Typically in a PK-3 inclusive classroom
- Student teach for eight weeks in an Early Childhood Special Education classroom (or Early Intervention) and eight weeks in a K-3 general education classroom.

### Program Requirements

- About 60 credit hours at JMU plus your associate's degree will meet the 120 credit hours required for a bachelor's degree
- For program completion and teacher licensure, the following assessments are required:
  - ALEKS Math Assessment at JMU
  - Virginia Communication Literacy Assessment (VCLA)
  - Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary
  - Praxis Elementary Subject Assessments (Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies)