College of Graduate and Professional Programs

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The College of Graduate and Professional Programs coordinates graduate and postgraduate education throughout the university. JMU’s Board of Visitors approved the college in October 2001. CGAPP replaces the former Graduate School office and the Office of Continuing Education.

CGAPP seeks to establish a more visible presence for graduate, post-graduate and professional programs through strategic program planning at the graduate levels and transitional programming for students moving from undergraduate to graduate programs. CGAPP further seeks to emphasize and enhance JMU’s professional certification and licensure programs.

Graduate Programs

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JMU’s Graduate School was established in 1954 when the Virginia Board of Education authorized Madison College to offer programs leading to the Master of Science in Education degree. The College of Graduate and Professional Programs is now authorized to offer graduate programs leading to master’s degrees, Educational Specialist degrees, Doctor of Philosophy degrees and Doctor of Psychology degrees. Many graduate programs also offer concentration areas. Please refer to the Graduate Catalog for details or review this information electronically at www.jmu.edu/cgapp/catalog/04.

The College of Graduate and Professional Programs offers the following programs and degrees.

- Accounting (M.S.)
- Adult Education/Human Resource Development (M.S.Ed.)
- Art Education (M.A.)
- Assessment and Measurement (Ph.D.)
- Biology (M.S.)
- Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- College Student Personnel Administration (M.Ed.)
- Combined – Integrated Clinical, Counseling and School Psychology (Psy.D.)
- Combined – Integrated Clinical, Counseling and School Psychology (Ph.D.)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders (Clinical Audiology) (Ph.D.)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders (Research Audiology) (Ph.D.)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders (Research Speech Language Pathology) (Ph.D.)
- Community Counseling (Ed.S.)
- Computer Science (M.S.)
- Education (M.A)
  - Early Childhood Education
- Education – Fifth year format (M.A.T.)
  - Elementary Education
  - Middle School Education
  - Secondary Education
- Education (M.Ed.) – students may elect to concentrate in more than one of the following areas of education
  - Early Childhood
  - Educational Technology
  - Middle Education
  - Reading
  - School Administration
  - Secondary Education
Professional Programs

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Professional Programs is part of the College of Graduate and Professional Programs. It is the responsibility of Professional Programs to oversee credit and non-credit, off-campus, continuing education, online non-credit courses and professional certificate programs offered by JMU. Professional Programs also oversees the enrollment of non-degree seeking students (formerly referred to as special students).

Non Degree-Seeking Student Enrollment

Term, transient and adult-non degree-seeking students are permitted to register for up to 11 hours of course credit each semester, not to exceed a total of 18 credit hours. Senior citizen, high school and auditing non degree-seeking students must have departmental approval. Students who are entering the Adult Degree Program are permitted to register for up to 11 hours of course credit each semester, but are limited to a total of 30 credit hours as a non degree-seeking student. After receiving 30 hours of credit, the student may apply as a degree seeking student in the Adult Degree Program. There is no limit on credit hour enrollment for post-baccalaureate and post-master’s non degree-seeking students.

Taking courses as a non degree-seeking student does not constitute admission to an undergraduate or graduate program. Individuals must apply for admission to a specific program. Enrollment as a non degree-seeking student is completed through the Web site at http://www.jmu.edu/cgapp/prospective

Non degree-seeking students are classified as follows:
- Adult
- Audit
- Certificate
- High School
- International
- Post-baccalaureate
Post-masters
Senior citizen
Term and Transient
Refer to the Web site for definitions of these classifications.

Senior Citizen’s Tuition Waiver
Legal residents of the State of Virginia who have reached 60 years of age before the beginning of an academic term and who have a taxable income that did not exceed $15,000 for the year proceeding the term may register for and enroll in courses as a full-time or part-time student and pay no tuition or fees except fees established for the purpose of paying for course materials, such as laboratory fees. Senior citizens shall be subject to the admissions requirements of the institution and a determination by the institution of its ability to offer the course or courses for which the senior citizen registers. A senior citizen shall only be admitted to a course in which enrollment is sought after all tuition-paying students have been accommodated. A senior citizen tuition waiver form must be submitted to Professional Programs to determine eligibility according to section 23-38:56 of the Code of Virginia.