The Graduate School coordinates graduate and postgraduate education throughout the university. The JMU Graduate School was established in 1954 when the State Board of Education authorized the university to offer programs leading to the Master of Science in Education degree. There have been over 13,200 graduate degrees awarded through 2009-10, and enrollment growth and ongoing development of graduate programs of distinction are key strategic initiatives of the university.

It is the mission of The Graduate School to support, facilitate and promote excellence in lifelong education through graduate programs of distinction, innovative outreach programs, and a diverse student body.

The Graduate School is authorized to offer graduate programs leading to master’s degrees, Educational Specialist degrees, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Philosophy degrees, Doctor of Psychology and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees. Many graduate programs also offer concentration areas. Refer to the Graduate Catalog at http://www.jmu.edu/gradcatalog/11/index.html for details.

The Graduate School 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.)
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A., Ed.S.)
- College Student Personnel Administration (M.Ed.)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders (Clinical Audiology, Au.D.)
- Communication Sciences and Disorders (M.S.; Ph.D.)
- Computer Science (M.S.)
- Counseling and Supervision (Ph.D.)
- Education (M.A.T.; M.Ed.; M.S.Ed.)
- Education – Fifth year format (M.A.T)
- English (M.A.)
- Health Sciences (M.S.)
- History (M.A.)
- Integrated Science and Technology (M.S.)
- Kinesiology (M.S.)
- Kinesiology – Fifth year format (M.A.T.)
- Mathematics (M.Ed.)
- Music (M.M.)
- Nursing (M.S.N.)
- Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)
- Performance/Conducting, Pedagogy, Literature (D.M.A.)
- Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.)
- Political Science (M.A.)
- Psychological Sciences (M.A.)
- Public Administration (M.P.A.)
- Public Administration – Fifth year format (M.P.A.)
- Public Administration (M.P.A.) Offered in Roanoke
- School Counseling (M.Ed.)
- School Psychology (M.A., Ed.S.)
- Special Education (M.A.T., M.Ed.)
- Special Education – Fifth year format (M.A.T.)
- Speech Pathology (M.S.)
- Strategic Leadership (Ph.D.)
- Studio Art (M.F.A.; M.A.)
- Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication (M.A.; M.S.)

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Outreach and Engagement is part of Research and Public Service. Outreach and Engagement offers credit and non-credit programs as well as targeted one-time courses, certificate programs, and complete degree programs at a distance. The mission of Outreach and Engagement is to extend the resources of JMU’s campus by encouraging the creation and implementation of innovative educational opportunities. The office fosters partnerships while encouraging and engaging individuals and communities to reach and exceed their personal and professional goals. Outreach and Engagement works with faculty, academic units, students and community organizations to design, market and deliver a wide array of courses. Outreach and Engagement also oversees the enrollment of non-degree seeking students. Non-degree seeking students are individuals who enroll in credit courses, but are not seeking a degree.

Certificate Program Admission

Individuals who wish to pursue a certificate must apply to the program and be approved before registering for classes. Individuals must complete the Certificate Application available at http://www.jmu.edu/outreach. Virginia residents must also complete the “Checklist and Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates.” A non-refundable $45 processing fee must accompany the application. Although certificate program students are considered non-degree seeking students, applicants for certificate programs need only complete the Certificate Application once for the semester in which they wish to begin the program. Applications for certificate programs are forwarded to the appropriate academic unit for review. A list of available certificate programs can be found at the Outreach and Engagement Web site under “Certificate Programs.”

Non-degree Seeking Student Admission

The non-degree seeking student classification includes adult non-degree students, high school non-degree students and teacher licensure students. Individuals seeking enrollment as a non-degree seeking student must complete the “Non-degree Seeking Student Application.” Virginia residents must also complete the “Checklist and Application for Virginia In-state Tuition Rates.” A non-refundable $20 processing fee must accompany the application. Non-degree seeking students must submit the application and processing fee each semester they enroll in courses. Non-degree seeking students can enroll and register for up to 11 hours of credit per semester. If additional credits are needed, contact the Outreach and Engagement office.

Courses at the 500 or 600 level and above require approval by the appropriate department head. Non-degree seeking students can complete the non-degree student application and the in-state form by going to http://www.jmu.edu/outreach and clicking “Apply Online Now” or “Outreach Forms.” Students should register online during the dates identified for non-degree seeking students following the instructions at http://www.jmu.edu/registrar and clicking “For Students” then “Registration Information Dates and Deadlines.” Walk-in registration and course adjustments are also permitted for non-degree seeking students. The courses taken in the non-degree seeking student category carry university credit, and they may be transferred into a degree program, once admitted, at the discretion of the program.

Taking courses as a non-degree seeking student does not constitute admission to a program or imply later applicability of these courses toward a degree. An individual who has been academically dismissed from JMU or another institution or denied regular undergraduate admission to JMU shall be required to wait for at least one calendar year for admission as a non-degree seeking student.

Non-credit Courses

JMU coordinates all non-credit instructional programs through Outreach and Engagement. These programs are available for supplementing and updating knowledge, skills and abilities. Some non-credit courses and workshops award continuing education units (CEU) as a uniform measure of professional development and to signify the student has completed the course or workshop. Information on CEUs is available online at http://www.jmu.edu/outreach. Under “Professional” click on “Continuing Education Units.” Information on non-credit course offerings and registration is available at http://www.jmu.edu/outreach by clicking “Noncredit Courses” or “Online Noncredit Courses.”

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 full-time or part-time students and pay no tuition but will incur a $20 application fee as well as 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 Outreach and Engagement to determine eligibility according to section 23-38:56 of the Code of Virginia. Forms can be found at the Outreach and Engagement Office, or at http://www.jmu.edu/outreach by clicking on “Forms” at the top of the page.