The Graduate School coordinates graduate and post-graduate 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 13,930 graduate degrees awarded through 2010-11, 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, Educational Specialist, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Philosophy, 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/12/index.html for details.

The Graduate School offers the following programs and degrees:

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- 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.)
- Combined – Integrated Clinical and School Psychology (Ph.D.)
- 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 – Fifth year format (M.A.T)
- Education (M.A.T.; M.Ed.)
- English (M.A.)
- Exceptional Education – Fifth year format (M.A.T.)
- Exceptional Education (M.A.T., M.Ed.)
- Health Sciences (M.S.)
- History (M.A.)
- Integrated Science and Technology (M.S.)
- Kinesiology – Fifth year format (M.A.T.)
- Kinesiology (M.S.)
- 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-European Union Policy Studies (M.A.)
- Psychological Sciences (M.A.)
- Public Administration – Fifth year format (M.P.A.)
- Public Administration (M.P.A.)
- Public Administration – Offered in Roanoke (M.P.A.)
- School Counseling (M.Ed.)
- School Psychology (M.A., Ed.S.)
- Speech Pathology (Clinical) (M.S.)
- Speech Pathology (Distance Learning in Virginia) (M.S.)
- Strategic Leadership (Ph.D.)
- Studio Art (M.A.; M.F.A.)
- Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication (M.A.; M.S.)

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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 & Engagement website under “Certificate Programs” at http://www.jmu.edu/outreach/certificates.shtml.

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 & 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 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.

Non-credit Courses

JMU coordinates all non-credit instructional programs through Outreach & Engagement. These programs are available for supplementing and updating knowledge, skills and abilities. Some non-credit courses and workshops award continuing education units (CEUs) 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 “Non-credit Courses” or “Online Non-credit Courses.”

Senior Citizen 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 & Engagement to determine eligibility according to section 23-38:56 of the Code of Virginia.

Forms can be found at the Outreach & Engagement Office, or at http://www.jmu.edu/outreach by clicking on “Forms” at the top of the page.

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