



Education Highlights

- Future teachers are placed in **more than 1,600 clinical settings spanning more than 28 different school divisions**, accounting for over 263,000 hours of school-based field engagement.
- **95% of principals surveyed indicate that new teachers from JMU** “have a positive impact on students through effective teaching.”
- JMU is a **leader in Virginia for educational leadership** with more than 200 practicing educators enrolled in cohorts throughout 13 different counties to prepare for school administrator licensure.



“One of my professors brings us a whole bunch of stories, classroom activities, puppets, things that she uses in her classroom, so that we can use them just to practice on each other—to make sure we know what we can do in our future classrooms, to give us a lot of ideas.”

— ANJALI SURESH (CLASS OF 2023)
INTERDISCIPLINARY LIBERAL STUDIES MAJOR

Making Your Madison Experience Unique

The Madison Experience is about giving students the ability to craft their own individual journey to success. At JMU, you can cross disciplines and take any minor or combination of minors regardless of your major, allowing you to discover new interests and create your own path.

Programs of Study

MAJORS

- Elementary Education
- Inclusive Early Childhood Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

MINORS

- Educational Media
- Human Resource Development
- Pre-Professional Secondary Education
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAMS

- Art Education
- Dance Education
- Elementary Education
- Foreign Language Education
- Inclusive Early Childhood Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Music Education
- Physical and Health Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Theatre Education

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The Madison Experience

ACCESS TO FACULTY

Our professors make teaching their No. 1 priority. That's rare at a school our size. Small classes. Attention from professors. Big-school opportunities, yet a small-school feel.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

80 percent of our undergrads do research, a practicum, an internship or student teach. Many JMU students do more than one of these. These are examples of how learning happens beyond the classroom at JMU.

A GREAT VALUE

A reasonable price and a solid return on investment have long been hallmarks of the Madison Experience. Niche cited JMU #19 in its Best Value Big Colleges ranking. Superb value. Return on investment. A bright future for you.

STUDY ABROAD

More than 1200 students participate in JMU's study abroad program each year. Imagine yourself studying specialized education topics at the University of Oxford or University of St. Andrews.

Overview

AT JMU, WE HAVE BEEN PRODUCING TEACHERS SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1908.

You will develop necessary skills and acquire knowledge from our dedicated faculty members and from many additional hands-on learning opportunities. Honing that skill set occurs during real classroom observations, practicums and student-teaching assignments.

COME TO JMU AND YOU WILL GO WELL BEYOND MERELY SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE.

We strive to stimulate your creativity, develop your cognitive abilities and encourage you to test hypotheses. We produce teachers who create inventive ways to teach, pay particular attention to how students learn and who are constantly aware of the results of their efforts.

JMU-TRAINED EDUCATORS THRIVE ON CONNECTING WITH THEIR STUDENTS.

Our graduates enter the workforce prepared and ready to ignite the fires of learning within their students. That passion and effort is regularly recognized with local, regional and national teaching awards.

ANSWERING THE CHALLENGE

JMU has made a century-long habit of answering the challenges that meet the educational needs of our Commonwealth and the nation as a whole. We offer initial teacher licensure in nine of Virginia's top 10 most critical teacher shortage areas. Our programs give our graduates the opportunities to be successful and help change the world.



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