

EDUCATION



Education Highlights

- Over **1,700 students are enrolled** in our initial teacher licensure programs.
- 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.
- JMU’s College of Education offers **four-year undergraduate majors** in elementary education, inclusive early childhood education, middle grades education, secondary education, special education and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.



“It was more than just, ‘Here’s how you teach this.’ In this class, it was, ‘Here’s an actual thing that you can teach.’ And with this portfolio, I can go to a job interview and say, ‘Here’s something that I want to implement. Tell me what you think.’ ”

— CATHY YORK ('19),
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND
NON-TEACHING SPECIAL EDUCATION

Answering the Challenge

JMU has made a centuries 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.

If your career plan is to teach in another state, JMU is still an excellent choice for you. We have a long history of preparing teachers who have gone on to spread their excellence across the country and the world. You will be in good hands here. Our experts can help you figure out the details of obtaining licensure in another state.

MASTER’S PROGRAMS

Whether looking for a one-year program to enhance your teaching preparation, or pursuing an initial or advanced licensure program after completing an undergraduate degree, we have a program for you! We develop leaders in the classroom; school and central office-based administrators; school-based specialists in literacy and mathematics; school counselors and school psychologists as a few of our graduate preparation programs.

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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

For more than two decades, *U.S. News & World Report* has placed JMU tops among the South's public master's-level schools. *MONEY* magazine ranks JMU 25th in its Best Public Colleges in the nation category. Excellent return on investment. A bright future for you.

STUDY ABROAD

A recent *Chronicle of Higher Education* survey ranked JMU No. 2 in the country among master's-level schools for the number of students studying abroad. Imagine yourself studying specialized education topics at the University of Oxford or University of St. Andrews.

Program 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.

TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAMS

- Art Education
- Dance Education
- Elementary Education
- Foreign Language Education
- Inclusive Early Childhood Education
- Middle Grades Education
- Music Education (Instrumental and Vocal)
- Physical and Health Education
- Secondary Education (English, Mathematics, History and Social Sciences, Sciences)
- Special Education (General and Adapted Curriculum)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Theatre Education



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