

MEd in Special Education

K-12 Gifted Education Concentration

The gifted education concentration is designed to prepare educators who skillfully contribute to the common good of society through competence in teaching and educational leadership in gifted education.

This program enables candidates to complete the approved Virginia Add-on K-12 Gifted Education Endorsement.

For candidates selecting the gifted education concentration, 100% of the program coursework is online.

COE CORE COURSES (online) (6 credits) **CREDITS**

EDUC 630 - Inquiry in Education	3
EXED 641 - Learning Theories and Practice	3
EDUC 642 – Curriculum Theory and Issues	3

EXED CORE COURSES (Choose One of the Following)

EXED 608 – Exceptional Education Portfolio	2-4
EXED 609 – Research in Exceptional Education	1-4

ELECTIVE COURSES (3 Credits) – By Advisement Only

One Approved Elective related to Student Specialty Area	3
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GIFTED CONCENTRATION COURSES (online)

EXED 560 – The Nature & Needs of Gifted Learners	3
EXED 565 – Instructional Methods in Gifted Education	3
EXED 570 – Practicum in Gifted Education	3
EXED 660 – Curriculum Design in Gifted Education	3
EXED 665 – Trends & Issues in Gifted Education	3

Documentation is then submitted by student to finalize endorsement process.

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1. Students in the gifted concentration will take EXED 665 in lieu of EXED 605.
 2. The number of elective credits is determined based on the student's selected concentration and professional interests. Acceptable courses are determined by the individual needs of the candidate and upon approval of the advisor.