

K-12 SPED PB MAT – ACCESSING THE ADAPTED CURRICULUM PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

JMU is a member of Virginia's Adapted Curriculum Consortium. The consortium's primary goal is to prepare teachers across the state to be highly skilled at working with learners with severe disabilities and/or autism. The program is designed to increase the number of fully endorsed teachers by providing training to new full-time preservice personnel and to accelerate the training for those already teaching on provisional licenses. Students enroll and complete the course requirements at JMU, but some courses are taught via technology (e.g., teleconferencing) through the consortium.

The Consortium has been supported by grants from the Virginia Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education. Every semester, the Consortium awards a limited number of tuition stipends to qualified applicants.

Special Education accessing the adapted curriculum. Coursework includes:

- ◆ Characteristics of disabling conditions,
- ◆ Language acquisition,
- ◆ Reading instruction,
- ◆ Assessment,
- ◆ Curriculum and instructional methods,
- ◆ Classroom and behavior management,
- ◆ Collaboration,
- ◆ Transition, and
- ◆ Assistive technology

Field experiences provide students with the opportunity to learn and practice skills in working with learners with disabilities and their families in a diverse educational setting across grade levels.

Students accepted into Post Bachelor Degree M.A.T. have an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and meet all admissions requirements for the Graduate School. Completion of the post-bachelor degree M.A.T. program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours and prepares students for initial licensure. In addition to the required graduate coursework, students may be required to complete co/prerequisite coursework depending upon their prior academic preparation in order to meet licensure requirements.

The application will open January 15.

Priority review of applications begins March 1.

Completed applications should be received at least 6 weeks prior to the start of the Fall semester. For more information regarding the application process please visit The Graduate School's website.