

Enhance Lives. Make a Difference

With Longwood's Special Education Add-On Endorsement Courses.

Fully
online for
flexibility

Complete the
endorsement with
15 credits

2 OPTIONS: Elementary Education
track or Middle & Secondary
Education track

**1 YEAR/
3 SEMESTERS
DISCOUNTED RATE:**

- \$280 per credit (*in state*)
- \$355 per credit (*out of state*)

**FOR THE ELEMENTARY
SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADD-ON ENDORSEMENT:**

*You must have an elementary (K-6)
teaching license to apply.*

- 15 credits total cost
- \$4,200 (*in state*)
 - \$5,325 (*out of state*)

**FOR THE SECONDARY
SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADD-ON ENDORSEMENT:**

*You must have a secondary (6-12) teaching
license coordinating with your general
education teaching license to apply.*

- 15 credits total cost
- \$4,200 (*in state*)
 - \$5,325 (*out of state*)

*If you have a K-12 license in general
education, contact us to discuss your options
at spendorsement@longwood.edu.*



GET STARTED IN SUMMER, FALL, OR SPRING!

Contact us for applicable deadlines. Email us at spendorsement@longwood.edu.

Why Pursue the Special Education Add-On Endorsement?

AT A GLANCE

Teaching Skills for Students with Disabilities

The Special Education Add-On Endorsement prepares teachers to meet students where they are. The endorsement courses create teachers who are confident in their abilities to:

- Describe characteristics of different disability categories
- Identify strategies appropriate for different disabilities
- Create and deliver effective reading lessons
- Create and deliver effective math lessons
- Evaluate students with formal and informal assessments
- Understand and write an IEP

Inspiring Instructors

Longwood University is known for its unsurpassed educator development, where professionals mentor other professionals. The Special Education Add-On Endorsement coursework prepares teachers to educate students with a wide variety of abilities, whether in general or special education classrooms.

Offering Endorsement Credentials

The Special Education Add-On Endorsement opens doors by offering busy licensed teachers the opportunity to add valuable Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) endorsement credentials to their resumes. Each Special Education Add-On Endorsement consists of five courses delivered through a convenient online format that makes the experience realistic and achievable for full-time teachers. A provisional Special Education license is not required to begin courses. PSPE 515 meets the Foundations of Special Education and Legal Aspects course requirements to obtain an initial provisional Special Education: General Curriculum teaching license. In addition to the coursework, the VDOE requirements state that in lieu of a practicum, one year successful full-time teaching experience with students with disabilities accessing the general curriculum in a public or an accredited nonpublic school may be accepted provided the teacher is assigned a mentor holding a valid license with an endorsement in special education.

COURSE SEQUENCE (15 Credits)

SUMMER

PSPE 515 *Survey of Exceptional Students (3)*

FALL

PSPE 522 (Weeks 1-8) *Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Disabilities in the Area of Literacy (3)*

PSPE 523 (Weeks 9-16) *Curriculum and Instruction for Students with Disabilities in the Area of Mathematics (3)*

SPRING

PSPE 577 (Weeks 1-8) *Individual Educational Program (IEP) (3)*

(Weeks 9-16) Elementary License Track: PSPE 544 Formal and Informal Assessment of Students with Disabilities (3)

-OR- *Middle and Secondary License Track: PSPE 574 Transition Planning (3)*

**PSPE 515 Survey of Exceptional Students can be taken at the beginning or end of the coursework.*



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Official transcript from your most recent college/university attended (bachelor's +)
- Current, valid Virginia professional teaching license or equivalent from another state

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- Knowledge of disabilities (definitions and characteristics)
- Strategies for addressing specific deficits
- Targeted reading strategies
- Targeted math strategies
- Knowledge of IEP components
- Knowledge of progress monitoring and assessment

VIRGINIA ENDORSEMENT

This qualifies for the Virginia State Endorsement credentials as outlined by the Virginia Department of Education.



APPLY TODAY!

Special Education Endorsement Coordinator, Dr. Julie Mersiowsky

spendorsement@longwood.edu | 434.414.6082 | longwoodce.org/spendorsement