

**George Mason University BEd in Special Education
Piedmont Virginia Community College AS in Education
2026-2027**



Transfer Requirements

1. Complete the associate degree with a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.
2. ENG 111, ENG 112, and a college-level math course must be completed with a C or higher in the first 45 credits. See the pathway to select the correct math course(s) for the intended major
3. Transfer to George Mason for the fall or spring semester immediately following the conferral of the pathway associate degree.
4. Grades of C or higher are required for transfer credit. Select programs may require a higher grade in specified courses. See the program-specific requirements noted on the pathway.
5. Students must complete their associate degree within five years of entering the program.

Program Specific Requirements

1. Students in licensure concentrations (Adapted K-12, General K-12 and Blindness and Visual Impairments PK-12) must maintain a 2.5 in their major coursework.
2. Licensure testing requirements are determined by the Commonwealth of Virginia and may change at any time. If changes to these requirements occur, students must meet the current testing and licensure requirements as set forth in the legal code of Virginia.
3. By completion of 90 credits, students in all licensure concentrations should discuss non-course requirements with George Mason Advisor. Students in all licensure concentrations must pass and submit hands-on Emergency First Aid, CPR, and AED certification prior to George Mason Graduation. Students in the General K-12 and the Blindness and Visual Impairments PK-12 concentrations must also complete the Praxis Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) prior to George Mason graduation.
4. For the Blindness and Visual Impairments PK-12 concentration only, students must pass and submit the Praxis II: Braille Proficiency after the completion of EDSE 419. The Praxis II exam must be complete prior to George Mason graduation.

Associate Degree Requirements

#	Associate Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	George Mason Equivalent	George Mason Degree Requirement
1	SDV 100	1	UNIV 100	General Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENGH —	General Elective
3	ENG 112	3	ENGH 101	Gen Ed: Written Comm
4	UCGS Humanities/Fine Arts/ Literature Elective: ENG 250	3	ELED 258	Gen Ed: Literature
5	UCGS Mathematics Elective: MTH 154	3	MATH 106	Gen Ed: Gen Ed: Quant Reasoning
6	UCGS Art or Humanities: ART 101, ART 102, MUS 121, MUS 22, MUS 226, or CST 130	3	George Mason equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Arts
7	UCGS History: HIS 121 or HIS 122	3	HIST 121 or HIST 122	General Elective
8	UCGS Science w/ Laboratory Elective: BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 106, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY 100, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, PHY 242 <i>Students should not take both BIO 101 and BIO 106</i>	4	George Mason equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Natural Science
9	UCGS Social/Behavioral Science Elective : GEO 220, PLS 135, PLS 140, or PLS 241	3	George Mason equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Global Contexts
10	CST 100 or CST 110	3	COMM 100 or COMM 101	Gen Ed: Oral Comm
11	PSY 230	3	PSYC 211	Major
12	EDU 200	3	EDUC 200	Major & Gen Ed: Social & Behavioral Science
13	EDU 250	3	EDSE 201	Major
14	EDU 204	3	EDUC L301	General Elective
15	UCGS Transfer Elective: ITE 152	3	IT 104	Gen Ed: Info Tech
16	UCGS Transfer Elective: BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 106, CHM 101, CHM 111, CHM 112, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, PHY 100, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, PHY 242 <i>Students should not take both BIO 101 and BIO 106</i>	4	George Mason equivalent ¹	Gen Ed: Natural Science
17	Transfer Elective: HIS 111 or HIS 112	3	HIST L387T or HIST 125	Gen Ed: Global History

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18	Transfer Elective: Any transferable VPCC Transfer Elective	3	George Mason equivalent ¹	General Elective
19	Transfer Elective: Any transferable VPCC Transfer Elective	3	George Mason equivalent ¹	General Elective
20	Transfer Elective: Any transferable VPCC Transfer Elective	3	George Mason equivalent ¹	General Elective
	Associate degree total: <i>Students must apply to graduate by the community college graduation application deadline.</i>	60		

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

#	Degree Requirement & Course	Credits	Notes
21	Gen Ed: Written Comm: ENGH 302	3	
22	EDSE 251	3	
23	EDSE 351	3	
24	EDSE 352	3	
25	EDSE 353	3	
26	EDSE 354	3	
27	EDSE 381	3	
28	EDSE 451	3	
29	EDSE 452	3	
30	Gen Ed: Apex: EDSE 481, EDSE 482, EDSE 483, or EDSE 484	12	
31	Concentration Coursework ²	15-26	Concentrations Include: General K-12 Licensure, Adapted K-12 Licensure, & PK-12 Blindness & Visual Impairments
32	General Elective	0-6	
	Total post-transfer credits:	60-65	
	Pathway total:	120-125	

Footnotes:

- To confirm George Mason equivalencies, visit: [George Mason Transfer Credit Matrix](#).
- Students must complete a concentration in one of the following: General K-12 Licensure, Adapted K-12 Licensure, & PK-12 Blindness & Visual Impairments, No Concentration. See George Mason Education advisor to declare a concentration. For more information visit: [Current Special Education, BSEd Catalog](#). Please use the [catalog archive link](#) to navigate to your specific catalog year requirements.

Additional Academic Information:

- Students who complete a VCCS transfer associate degree (AS, AA, AA&S, or AFA) will receive a waiver of the Foundation and Exploration (lower division) Mason Core general education categories. To be eligible for the waiver, the students must provide the George Mason Office of Admissions with a final, official transcript reflecting the degree conferral date. As a prerequisite for ENGH 302, ENGH 101 is not waived. Students must complete ENGH 100 or ENGH 101, or an equivalent, with a C or higher.
 - When a course fulfills a George Mason Core requirement and a major or college requirement (e.g. Major & Quant), students must complete the course listed on the pathway to fulfill the major/college requirement. Courses that fulfill only Mason Core Foundation and Exploration categories are recommendations. In most pathways, ADVANCE students must complete a Quantitative Reasoning course to matriculate through ADVANCE.
 - ADVANCE students must complete the associate degree indicated on their pathway (see the Transfer Requirements listed above). Students who withdraw from ADVANCE and transfer without the associate degree or UCGS are required to complete each Mason Core general education category
- All students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation.
- For academic policies and procedures relating to the associate degree, please navigate to your specific catalog year using the Archive Catalog link: [Piedmont College Catalog](#). Navigate to your specific catalog year requirements using the catalog archive drop down at the top of the catalog page.
- For academic policies and procedures relating to the bachelor's degree, please visit: [George Mason Catalog](#). Navigate to your specific catalog year requirements using the catalog archive: [George Mason Catalog Archive](#).