



University of Lynchburg

A photograph of a woman with curly hair and glasses, wearing a pink jacket, looking at a laptop screen. A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a light blue sweater, is sitting next to her, also looking at the screen. The background is blurred, suggesting a classroom or office setting.

Master of Education



2,000+

CENTRAL VIRGINIA
EDUCATORS AND
COUNSELORS EARNED
THEIR EdD OR MEd FROM
LYNCHBURG

At the University of Lynchburg, we believe in the power of education. We see it every day. Our wide range of MEd programs is perfect for teachers advancing their careers, or for individuals switching gears to education.

Some programs are offered online. Others are on campus, or a combination of both. Regardless, you'll benefit from challenging coursework, close relationships with faculty and mentors, and comprehensive academic support.

We've trained generations of teachers, counselors, and other professionals who serve the greater good, including athletic coaches, museum educators, university development officers, and others.

Whatever your goal, we'll help you realize and achieve it.

Overview of MEd program features:

- Total credit hours: 30-60 (depending on program).
- Rolling admissions.
- Classes taught at times that fit teachers' schedules.
- Full- and part-time options.
- Internship opportunities.
- Licensure and certificate programs available.

Counselor Education

This program trains you to be an effective, ethical counseling practitioner. It promotes personal growth and academic excellence, values diversity of experience and ideas, and incorporates the learning of best practices. There are two tracks:

Clinical Mental Health focuses on areas of individual, family, and group counseling.

School Counseling emphasizes counseling, consultation skills, and guidance curriculum development.

Both specializations are fully accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). This guarantees that your Lynchburg degree will be recognized and respected across the nation as the highest standard of professional training in the profession.

100%
JOB PLACEMENT
RATE FOR PROGRAM
GRADUATES OVER
THE LAST 2 YEARS

Curriculum and Instruction

This program is designed for teachers who want to further develop their skills in the classroom and who want to become instructional leaders within their school and school divisions. There are two tracks:

Teacher Licensure satisfies the licensure requirements and also results in the MEd. Additional classes (beyond the required 36 hours) may be needed for licensure, and student-teaching/graduate internship is included.

Instructional Leadership focuses on effective instruction and preparation for leadership in curriculum development and instructional planning within schools.

“The program has taught me how to effectively apply my skill set and content knowledge in a school setting. The faculty has been nothing short of wonderful. There is a genuine caring and connection between students and educators.”

Elizabeth Gilliam Hedgepath '11 MEd
(Curriculum and Instruction emphasis),
art teacher, Rutherford County (Tenn.)
Schools

MORE THAN 99%
OF MEd IN EDUCATIONAL
LEADERSHIP STUDENTS HAVE
PASSED THE SCHOOL LEADERS
LICENSURE ASSESSMENT (SLLA)
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF
VIRGINIA



Educational Leadership

(Pre-K-12 Administration and Supervision Emphasis)

This cohort-based program is committed to preparing you for administrative, supervisory, and classroom positions. It's based on the belief that leaders must be agile learners who are hardworking, innovative, and reflective decision-makers. The unique combination of in-class coursework and internship experiences in the field has led to more than 200 school division placements.

Higher Education Leadership

This 100% online program expands your capacity to lead in the higher education environment. Students develop leadership knowledge and skills and the understanding that a positive attitude can make a difference in the lives of students, colleagues, community, and the organization.

“The Master of Education program at Lynchburg opened my eyes to a career in higher education. Colleges and universities are increasingly complex businesses, and developing a broad working knowledge and appreciation for all substantive areas has been key for me in my career.”

Jeff Eggeling '11 MEd
(Higher Ed emphasis), director of development, Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia

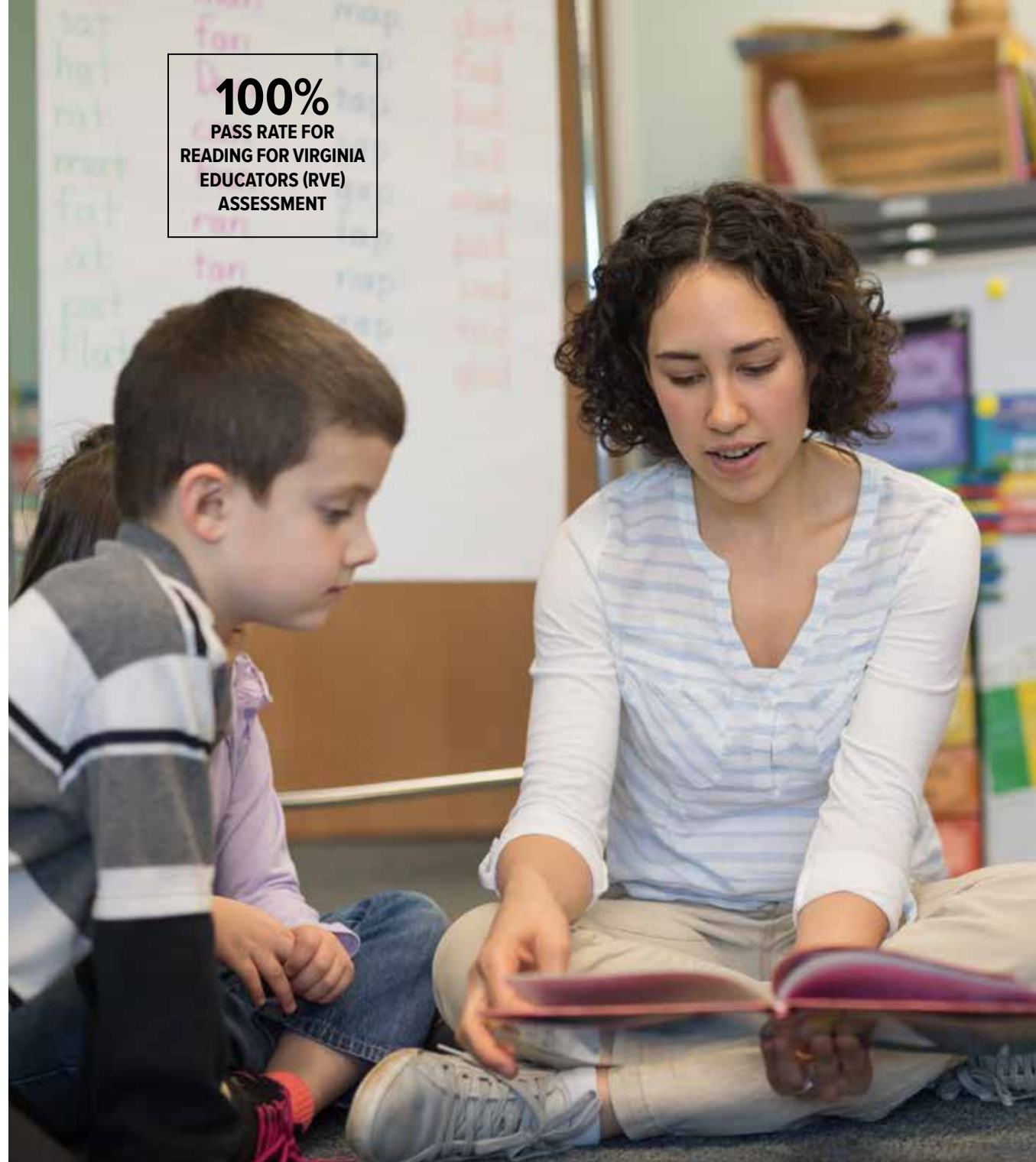
Educational Studies

This program lets you customize an interdisciplinary course of study across program areas. It's applicable to a wide variety of professions, including education, business, health care, military, and nonprofits. It's designed for those who want to complete an MEd, but don't require additional teaching or other professional certifications.

“Do you want to design a program that best fits your career goals? That's what the Educational Studies MEd allows students to do. By selecting from the wide range of graduate course offerings, students develop a thematic approach to research and study while developing deep knowledge and desired skills.”

Dr. Bobbi F. Johnson
Interim dean, College of Education, Leadership Studies, and Counseling, and admissions coordinator of graduate education programs, University of Lynchburg

100%
PASS RATE FOR
READING FOR VIRGINIA
EDUCATORS (RVE)
ASSESSMENT



Reading

Two concentrations, **Reading Instruction** and **Reading Specialist**, prepare educators who are committed to excellence in the teaching of reading and/or serving as reading specialists at the school or district level. This 100% online program trains teachers in reading and literature instruction, writing technology, research methodology, and in the diagnosis, assessment, and remediation of reading problems.

Science Education

As the emphasis on STEM programs grows across the country, the need for highly qualified science teachers is also increasing. This program, which includes add-on endorsements in biology, earth science, and math, is taught by education and science faculty. It combines the essential knowledge and skills gained from core courses in education with specific content and pedagogic coursework in the sciences.



“The high-quality instruction and personal attention given to me by faculty during my undergraduate years made it easy for me to choose Lynchburg for my graduate program. The opportunities and experiences provided to me during both programs have been critical in opening the door to success in my career field.”

Carrie Francisco '02, '07 MEd
(Science Education emphasis), earth science and biology teacher, Gretna High School, Pittsylvania County Schools

Special Education

This 100% online program prepares educators to make positive contributions in the lives of people with disabilities and to serve as change agents in their school and work settings. There are three emphases:

General Curriculum focuses on students with learning disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, and intellectual disabilities.

Adapted Curriculum focuses on teaching students with significant disabilities.

Early Childhood Special Education is a Virginia Department of Education-funded consortium to assist current teachers in early childhood special education with provisional licensure. Those teaching pre-school-aged children with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

“The special education curriculum addresses the complexities of the challenges faced by those with special needs, as well as the services needed to assist them as they strive for independence. Learning experiences are structured so you develop a comprehensive knowledge of the multifaceted nature of special education.”

Dr. Andrew Bruce
Associate professor of special education and program director



150+

GRADUATES SERVE AS
PRINCIPALS, ASSISTANT
PRINCIPALS, DIRECTORS OF
INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY,
AND SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATORS IN
CENTRAL VIRGINIA



Want to take it a step further?

The Doctor of Education (EdD) in Leadership Studies prepares you for leadership in education, government, and public and nonprofit organizations. This rigorous, 54-credit-hour, interdisciplinary program respects and supports the broad diversity of programs within communities. It takes you through a process of exploration, inquiry, engagement, practice, and reflection, and culminates in a doctoral dissertation.



“The interdisciplinary approach to leadership was definitely a plus and our excellent professors were passionate about their field of study and eager to share the most important aspects with us. The EdD program opened my eyes to a world beyond just K-12 education. I had the opportunity to understand the role of leadership from many perspectives, as well as the importance of community partners, which is now essential to my new position. I also learned the importance of transparency as a leader, and this drives my decisions on a daily basis.”

Donna Lewis '14 EdD
Director, Laurel Regional School,
Lynchburg, Virginia

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