

Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure



AGENDA ITEM: 3

DATE: November 15, 2021

TOPIC: Recommendations to Approve New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Institutions of Higher Education

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Requests from Virginia institutions of higher education to add new education endorsement programs must be approved by the Board of Education. Requests are made annually, by March 31st of each year. The following is a list of the institutions of higher education and the new endorsements requested.

College/University	Education Endorsement Program	Program Level
Averett University	Special education – general curriculum elementary education K-6 (add-on endorsement)	Undergraduate, Graduate
	Special education – general curriculum middle education grades 6-8 (add-on endorsement)	Undergraduate
	Special education – general curriculum secondary education grades 6-12 (add-on endorsement)	Undergraduate, Graduate
James Madison University	Special education – general curriculum elementary education K-6 (add-on endorsement)	Undergraduate, Graduate

	Special education – general curriculum middle education grades 6-8 (add-on endorsement)	Undergraduate, Graduate
	Special education – general curriculum secondary education grades 6-12 (add-on endorsement)	Undergraduate, Graduate
Old Dominion University	Middle education 6-8 - Science ONLY	Undergraduate
Radford University	Early childhood for three-year-olds and four-year-olds (add-on endorsement)	Graduate
University of Lynchburg	Early childhood for three-year-olds and four-year-olds (add-on endorsement)	Graduate
University of Richmond	Dance arts preK-12	Graduate
	Theatre arts preK-12	Graduate
	Visual arts preK-12	Graduate
Virginia Commonwealth University	Special education early childhood (birth through age five)	Undergraduate
Virginia Tech	Career and technical education – business and information technology	Undergraduate
	Career and technical education – marketing education	Undergraduate

Program specialists in the Department of Education reviewed the requests for the new education endorsement programs. Program endorsement competencies, based on the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*, were verified through the review of course descriptions and syllabi to determine alignment with each of the competencies required, including supervised classroom instruction. A review of the Request for New Endorsement Program application submitted by the institution evidenced written documentation of school divisions’ demand data, as well as institutional and school division support for the requested programs.

Section 8VAC20-543-30 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs* in Virginia requires institutions seeking education program approval to establish partnerships and collaborations based on PreK-12 school needs. All institutions of higher education provided a copy of the *Virginia Department of Education – Standards for Biennial Approval of Education Programs Accountability Measurement of Partnerships and*

Collaborations Based on PreK-12 School Needs Education Programs form for the requested program endorsement area.

ACTION:

The Advisory Board of Teacher Education and Licensure is to make a recommendation on the new education endorsement program requests.