



University of Virginia  
School of Continuing and Professional Studies  
Southwest Center

## **Gifted Education Endorsement Course Sequence**

Courses to meet the requirements for the Virginia Department of Education endorsement in Gifted Education preK-12 are offered through the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. The courses are open to persons who hold a current teaching license in Virginia including persons who hold the Provisional License. The endorsement in Gifted Education will not be granted until the candidate has met all requirements for the Collegiate Professional or Postgraduate Professional License in another licensure area. Courses are delivered in a mix of digital teleconference and face-to-face modes.

### **Schedule of Courses**

- Introduction to the Gifted
- Models and Strategies for Teaching the Gifted
- Differentiating Instruction
- Introduction to Curriculum for the Gifted

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Virginia Department of Education Licensure Regulations  
8 VAC 20-21-270 Gifted Endorsement Requirements

The candidate must have:

1. Completed an approved teacher preparation program in gifted education; or
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  - a. Graduated with a baccalaureate degree with an endorsement in any teaching area;
  - b. Completed 12 hours of graduate-level course work in gifted education; and
  - c. Completed a practicum of at least 45 instructional hours pursuant to subdivision A 8 of this section. One year of successful, full-time teaching experience in an accredited public or nonpublic school may be accepted in lieu of the practicum. a mentor holding a valid license with an endorsement in gifted education must be assigned to the teacher.

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