

A liberal arts education is dedicated to developing the open-minded, disciplined reflection necessary not only to professional success, but also to a life of personal accomplishment and social commitment. Academic programs bring the ancient traditions into the here and now. General education requirements emphasizes breadth, showing students how to investigate complex subjects from multiple perspectives and how to make connections among various disciplinary approaches to a subject. The academic concentration requirement emphasizes depth, showing students how to focus on a single discipline or field of study. In general, the liberal arts curriculum emphasizes critical thinking, problem solving, and independent learning. As students move through the program, they develop the capacity to analyze, synthesize, draw conclusions, and communicate results.

THE PROGRAM

The program of Comprehensive Liberal Studies with a curricular emphasis enable education students to identify and explain a clear intellectual focus that serves to define and unify the major they pursue. The major allows education licensure candidates to engage in studies in the college's three academic divisions while meeting the competencies of teachers recommended in the Virginia Board of Education's Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia.

THE MAJOR

Comprehensive Liberal Studies with a curricular emphasis is designed for education students seeking licensure with an endorsement in elementary, special education, or middle education. It is a major that reflects the interdisciplinary and interdependent nature of the liberal arts and supports the future education professional.

THE COURSES

Classes at Virginia Wesleyan College are small and interactive. Some of the courses within this program include: Public Speaking, Organizational Communications, American Government, World History, Physical Geography, Adolescent Literature, and Theory of Elementary Mathematics. Students seeking licensure with an endorsement in elementary education, middle education, and special education must complete the professional education coursework outlined in the Education section of the VWC Catalog.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

All education programs prepare the successful candidate for licensure with an endorsement in their chosen educational discipline. All programs fulfill the curricular requirements detailed in the Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia. Career assistance is provided to all candidates who successfully complete one of the approved programs.

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