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Course Sequence

**Summer**
- Critical Perspectives in Education (3)
- Multiculturalism, Gender, and Inclusion in Schools (3)
- Development of the English Language Learner (3)

**Fall**
- Philosophy of Education (3)
- Adolescent Psychology (3)
- History of American Ed. (3)
- Teaching Methods of Content Area (3)

**Spring**
- Educational Research (3)
- Curriculum and Assessment (3)
- Graduate Student Teaching (6)
- Student Teaching Seminar (1)

34 Credits Total

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Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Can I complete the program part-time?**
A: Yes, there is a part-time option that is completed over two years.

**Q: Can I begin the program in the fall as opposed to the summer?**
A: Dr. Titone, the program coordinator, takes everything on a case-by-case basis. There have been students who have begun the program in the fall. However, Dr. Titone strongly recommends beginning the program in the summer to get the full cohort experience.

**Q: Is there an online option?**
A: No, we do not offer classes online.

**Q: Do you offer elementary certification?**
A: No, the M+ program only offers secondary certification (Grades 7-12)

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About the M+ Program

Villanova University’s Master’s Plus Certification program is designed to prepare you quickly but effectively for a new and rewarding career as a high-quality educator. The program is a full-time cohort program that allows you to become certified as a secondary school teacher in addition to earning a Master of Arts in Education degree in just one year.

Through a blend of innovative educational theory and real-world experience, the Master’s Plus Certification program is designed to produce superior classroom educators. The curriculum explores educational theory and pedagogy, provides instruction in assessment and research, and grounds classroom theory in field placements, including a full-time student-teaching experience. Our dynamic staff of professors and administrators is made up of renowned educators dedicated to your professional learning experience.

Candidates will leave the program with a wide repertoire of effective pedagogical tools, which apply learning theory and are suited to the teaching discipline. They will also acquire a robust understanding of how to advocate for their students within a broader policy context. Finally, they will develop the inclination to continue their own professional learning through the reflective practice and collaboration with colleagues.

Financial Aid

There are two options available for financial aid in order to attend a graduate program in the Department of Education and Counseling.

1. Need-Based Financial Aid is available through the Office of Financial Assistance.

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   (610) 519-4010
   finaid@villanova.edu

2. Graduate Assistantships:
   The Department of Education and Counseling offers a limited number of part-time graduate assistantships for full-time students. Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis and offer tuition waivers for up to 12 credits total. In return, assistants are required to provide 10 hours of service to the department per week, from September through February. For best consideration for an assistantship, students should submit all application materials by February 1.

Contact Information

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Admission Requirements

Applications are considered on a rolling basis and require:

- At least an undergraduate degree in a secondary school teaching area, or the equivalent coursework*
- 3.0 GPA or higher
- Submitted scores from the Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA) --Note: this requirement is waived for candidates holding a Master’s degree.
- Online application
- All official transcripts from colleges or universities attended to VU’s Office of Graduate Studies
- Three letters of Recommendation (At least one academic)

* Additional prerequisite courses (or the Praxis II) may be necessary based on your coursework’s alignment to PA standards. Please email a copy of your unofficial transcript to the Program Director, Dr. Connie Titone, to determine if you will need additional coursework prior to applying.

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** The state of Pennsylvania requires that certified teachers are U.S. Citizens.