

Career Switcher Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Training Curriculum Description & Skills Participants Learn

Virginia's Community Colleges offer a fast track alternative licensure program, EducateVA, which is a statewide initiative to address critical subject shortages in the teaching profession throughout Virginia. Identified shortage areas include Science, Math, English or Foreign Language at the Middle or High School level, or English as a Second Language K-12.

The 16-week curriculum culminates in a 1-year provisional license to teach in Virginia through the Virginia Department of Education.

Curriculum specifics:

Length of Training

180 clock hours of instruction delivered within 16-week semester, plus, 30 hours of student Field Placement/Observation for a total of 210 educational hours.

Training Topic Modules for General Education Licensure	Training Topic Modules for ESL Licensure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundations of Teaching ESL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum and Instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linguistics/Second Language Acquisition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching and Learning Math, Science, or Foreign Language Methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Literacy/Reading in the ESL Classroom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching Reading in the Content Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching and Learning ESL Methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structuring the Classroom Environment

Once the Participant has completed the 16-week coursework and passed a competency evaluation, the Career Switcher Program Director will apply for the participant's 1-year Provisional (Career Switcher) Licensure with the Virginia Department of Education

Jobs/Level Of Job Readiness To Which This Training Will Lead

Program participants who complete the 16-week classroom readiness certification process will be eligible to apply for and retain positions teaching their specialty area.

Continuing Support To Ensure Job Placement And Retention

The Career Switcher program has developed a support system to help ensure that participants, following the successful completion of the 16-week program, realize employment and retain those positions. Ongoing support is described as a partnership between the participant and the Career Switcher program. Support activities are:

Understanding how to obtain a teaching position

Participant is coached to understand license and endorsements, how to contact school divisions' HR personnel and how to submit applications to school divisions.

Mentoring

Career Switchers must be paired with a mentor for the first year. The VCCS Career Switcher Program provides support and follow-up.

Seminars

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Career Switchers must participate in 5 special professional development seminars. Delivery method will be on-line and compressed video.

Extending Professional Licensure

After completion of all Career Switcher requirements and one successful year of teaching, upon recommendation from the school division, the Career Switcher is eligible for a regular five-year license.

PROGRAM COST:

Total cost of Program, Books & Materials* (16 weeks of class work combined with field placement hours)
\$3,800.00

** Participants will make arrangements to receive their books from the bookstore representative or the Educate VA Career Switcher regional community college representative.*

THIRD PARTY BILLING PROCESS:

If a Third Party Payer is paying your tuition and/or books and materials, know that:

- 1) **“Authorization to Bill”** the Third Party paperwork is required.
- 2) You must fax approved paperwork authorizing the regional community college you will be attending to bill the Payer for books and / or tuition. Keep copies for your files.
- 3) Authorizing paperwork should be faxed to **Eileen Hasbrouck** at 804-523-5670 PRIOR to the first class/Orientation.
- 4) Book orders may be arranged by the regional community college you will be attending upon receipt of the “Authorization to Bill”.

NOTE: These books are not kept in stock. Delivery of books is generally 5-7 business days after placement of order. It is the student’s responsibility to insure the process for the procurement of these books is established well in advance of the first class/Orientation.