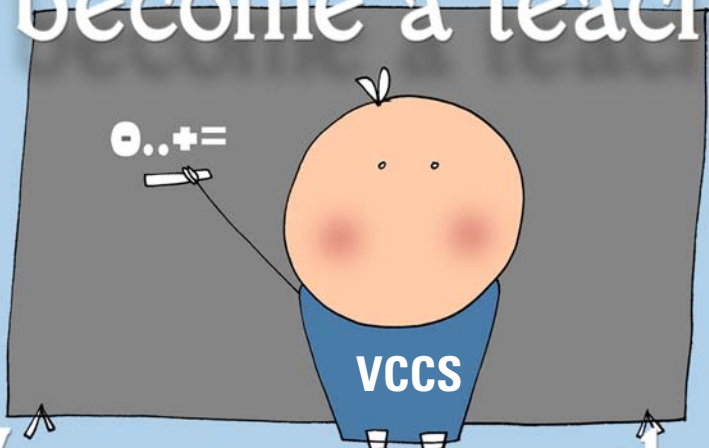
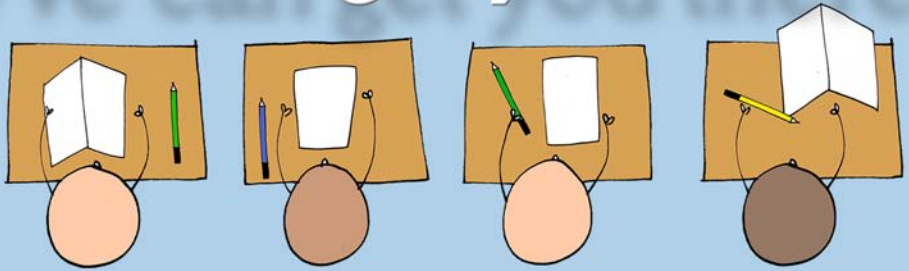


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You'll be eligible to enter full-time teaching immediately following completion of 180 hours of coursework.



Long known as a great place to start a bachelor's degree, Virginia's community colleges now offer professionals with bachelor's degrees an opportunity to participate in an innovative program to become teachers in the critically needed subject areas across Virginia.

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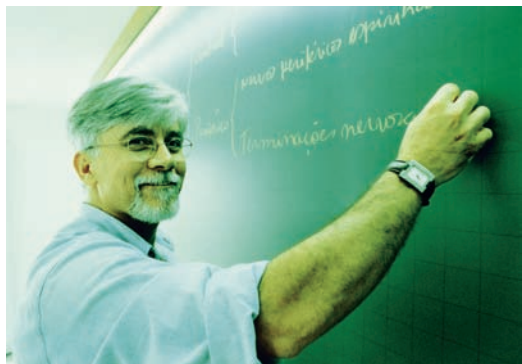


of study consisting of five modules equal to 180 clock hours delivered within a 16-week time frame (a typical college semester). In addition, a minimum of 30 clock hours is spent in a public or accredited private school working in the classroom with students. The course schedule and delivery methods are especially designed to allow full- or part-time employment throughout the duration of the program.



The VCCS Career Switcher Program offers you the following benefits:

- Preparation to teach in a field with high job demand
- Coursework delivered in a concentrated, fast-track timeframe of 16 weeks
- Assistance with preparation and prerequisites prior to program acceptance
- Regional advisors to help along the way
- Cohort atmosphere – participants will progress with their peers throughout the entire sequence of courses
- Courses scheduled so that you can continue to work full- or part-time
- Supervised classroom experience
- Mentoring by seasoned teaching veterans
- Potential for tuition assistance through dislocated worker funding or Troops to Teachers (www.odu.edu/troopstoteachers)
- The opportunity to follow a dream and make a difference!



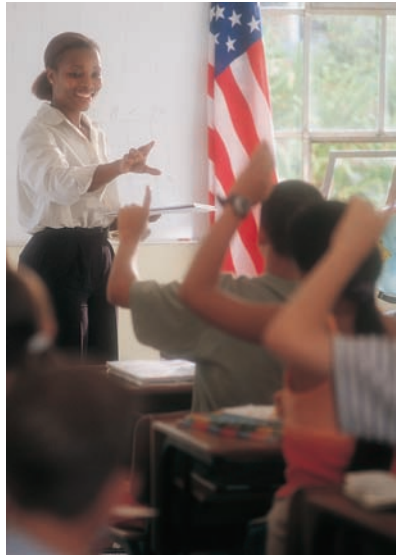
Unique features of the Career Switcher Program

- The VCCS Career Switcher Program offers an intake process called "Pre-Level One" that will help you assess where you are and what you need to do to qualify for the VCCS Career Switcher Program.
- Instruction is delivered using an innovative hybrid method that combines monthly on-site meetings at community college sites and electronic learning.



In order to be eligible for the program

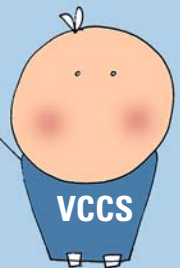
- You must have earned a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- You should have a GPA of 2.5 or better.
- You must have a minimum of five years of professional work experience or its equivalent. Your work history will be evaluated in terms of your experience, maturity, professional background, or an ability to apply your career experiences in the classroom.
- You must have successfully completed the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) and Praxis II content specialty exam in the endorsement area you desire to teach. (Refer to Assessment requirements at www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/newvdoe/praxis.pdf)
- You must be willing to provide the results of a criminal background check prior to field placement or employment in the classroom.



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