

# DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

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The Department of Counseling and Special Education blends top-tier, accredited programs in counselor education and special education and disability policy to create a unique, interdisciplinary academic environment for students and faculty. The department's primary mission is to prepare graduates to be leaders, ready to make a difference in people's lives. Courses emphasize applicable learning, incorporating the practical tasks and situations students will be faced with on the job.

The nationally recognized faculty members provide guidance and support, allowing students to fully explore their areas of interest. The department provides the tools that help students examine, refine and challenge current methods and scholarship and to use evidence-based research. Learn more by visiting the Department of Counseling and Special Education webpage (<http://www.soe.vcu.edu/departmentpages/counseling-and-special-education/>).

Students who complete the requirements for any of these concentrations will receive a Master of Education in Counselor Education.

- Counselor Education, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in college counseling and student affairs (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-education/counseling-special-education/counselor-education-med-concentration-college-student-development-counseling/>)
- Counselor Education, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in couples and family counseling (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-education/counseling-special-education/counselor-education-med-concentration-couples-family-counseling/>)
- Counselor Education, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in school counseling

Students who complete the requirements for this degree will receive a Doctor of Philosophy in Special Education.

- Special Education, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-education/counseling-special-education/special-education-phd/>)

Students who complete the requirements for any of these concentrations will receive a Master of Education in Special Education.

- Special Education, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in adapted curriculum (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-education/counseling-special-education/special-education-med-concentration-adapted-curriculum/>)
- Special Education, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in early childhood (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-education/counseling-special-education/special-education-med-concentration-early-childhood/>)
- Special Education, Master of Education (M.Ed.) with a concentration in general education

- Disability Leadership, Certificate in (Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate) (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-education/counseling-special-education/disability-leadership-certificate/>)
- Special Education K-12 Teaching, Certificate in (Graduate certificate) (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-education/counseling-special-education/special-ed-k12-certificate/>)