



VCU School of Education

[M.Ed. in Special Education](#)

We look forward to supporting you through the application process. Once you create an online application and select the semester and program you would like to apply to, you will see the application requirements for your selected program.

Application Deadlines: Fall & Summer (Mar. 15)- Spring (Nov 1.)- Late applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis

Step 1: **Create Your Application Account:** Go to this website

<https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/> and below “Graduate Programs”, choose “2024 Applications” then “Application for all other graduate programs”.

Step 2: **Statement of Intent:** VCU requires that prospective students provide a written statement of purpose for all graduate program applicants. Please review the application resources, including statement of intent suggestions on [this page of our School of Education website](#)

Step 3: **References:** The system has an area for you to submit the names and emails of **three letters of reference**. This will send an email directly to the recommenders to fill out a **short survey and upload your letter of recommendation**. Note: You can add a note to suggest areas you would like your reference to highlight to strengthen your application.

Step 4: **Transcripts:** You can upload PDF copies of your *unofficial* transcripts for the review/decision process. You will be required to submit official academic transcripts from **all institutions you have attended** in order to enroll. VCU alumni- please note your years attended and your transcripts will manually be added.

Official transcripts can be mailed to the following:

Virginia Commonwealth University

E-Transcripts: gradmail@vcu.edu

Office of Graduate Admissions, Box 843051 / Richmond, Virginia 23284-3051

Step 5: **Testing requirement:** No tests are required for **admission** into this program. Please note there are licensure testing requirements for licensure in Virginia that will be reviewed and outlined if accepted into the program.

Step 6: Submit application fee* and push submit: You have the option to submit without the application fee yet your application will not be moved forward for review until the application fee is submitted.

**If you are a current VCU student who is eligible for the [RAM Opportunity](#), please do not submit your application fee. The fee will automatically be waived within 2 business days of submitting your application.*

Step 7: Receiving and accepting your admissions decision: Your official admissions letter will come from VCU graduate admissions and you will **accept your offer through your VCU admissions online portal**. This will allow the system to create a formal account that will allow you to register.

*For Early Childhood Special Education students, please see the additional [PIRR funding application information here](#).

Step 8: Review the [Accepted Graduate Student Checklist](#) for critical next steps as you transition to VCU.

Please contact us at with any questions throughout the process: soeinfo@vcu.edu and/or soeogs@vcu.edu.