

# COLLEGE TEACHING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (ENGL)

Banner Code: LA-CERG-CTCH

## Academic Advising

4200 Horizon Hall  
Fairfax Campus

The certificate in college teaching is designed for graduate students who are planning a career in undergraduate education. The program offers courses that enhance pedagogical skills and explore pedagogical assessment or scholarship with the use of technology in instruction.

This certificate program qualifies for Title IV Federal Financial Aid.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/admissions/graduate-policies/>).

### Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

#### Concentration in English Pedagogy

This concentration in the graduate certificate in college teaching requires 18 credits. Students must achieve a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course.

#### Concentration in Higher Education Pedagogy

This concentration in the graduate certificate in college teaching requires 18 credits.

## Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 18

This certificate may be pursued on a full-or part-time basis.

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students pursuing this graduate certificate must choose either a concentration in English pedagogy or a concentration in higher education pedagogy.

#### Concentration in English Pedagogy (EPGY)

##### Core Courses

| Code     | Title  | Credits |
|----------|--|---------|
| ENGL 610 | Proseminar in Teaching the Reading of Literature | 3       |
| ENGL 615 | Proseminar in Composition Instruction            | 3       |

##### Pedagogy Courses

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| Select two courses from the following: |  | 6 |
| ENGL 620                               | Topics in Pedagogy   |   |
| ENGL 695                               | Northern Virginia Writing Project Inservice Program <sup>1</sup>             |   |
| ENGL 697                               | Composition Theory   |   |
| ENGL 699                               | Visiting Writers <sup>2</sup>  |   |
| LING 521                               | Applied Linguistics: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) |   |

Total Credits 12

<sup>1</sup>

Offered only to full-time teachers through school district contracts.

<sup>2</sup>

Topic must be NVWP Summer Institute; open to full-time teachers on an invitation basis.

##### Electives

| Code   | Title | Credits |
|--|-------|---------|
| Select content-area coursework that supports their goals in developing pedagogical expertise. <sup>1</sup> |       | 6       |

Total Credits 6

<sup>1</sup>

Electives should be selected in consultation with an advisor.

#### Concentration in Higher Education Pedagogy (HEDP)

##### Core Courses

| Code   | Title   | Credits |
|--|---|---------|
| Choose 9 credits from the following courses: |   | 9       |
| HE 602                                       | College Teaching                                      |         |
| HE 605                                       | Learning Assessment                                   |         |
| HE 703                                       | Higher Education in the Digital Age                   |         |
| HE 704                                       | The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning              |         |
| HE 712                                       | Assessment and Program Evaluation in Higher Education |         |

##### Practicum

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| HE 685 | Practicum | 3 |
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Total Credits 12

##### Electives

| Code   | Title                                  | Credits |
|--|--|---------|
| Choose 6 credits from the following courses: |  | 6       |
| HE 601                                       | The Community College                  |         |
| HE 606                                       | Cultural Pluralism in Higher Education |         |
| HE 610                                       | Research Methods in Higher Education   |         |
| HE 641                                       | Introduction to Helping Skills         |         |
| HE 645                                       | The Contemporary College Student       |         |
| HE 646                                       | Student Development Theory             |         |
| HE 706                                       | Students in Postsecondary Education    |         |
| HE 721                                       | History of Higher Education            |         |

Other HE courses, when relevant, with approval of director  
or advisor

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Total Credits

6