

**VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
APPLICATION
INSTRUCTIONS and CHECKLIST**

Please submit each part of this application as it is ready. Detach and keep this checklist handy to remind you of the items still to be completed in your Professional Teacher Certification Program application process.

Students interested in seeking teacher certification must formally apply for admission to the Education Department during the first semester enrolled in education courses at Virginia Wesleyan College. To be accepted into the professional Teacher Certification Program all of the following requirements must be completed:

- ___ 1. Complete the application form. Return this form to Ms. Jane Kiefer, Faculty Secretary, **during your first semester of professional education courses**. All paperwork can be turned into the Education Department in Pruden.

- ___ 2. Submit an essay, no more than one page, double spaced. Choose one topic:
 - A) What kind of teacher do I want to become?
 - B) In your opinion, what personal characteristics are absolutely essential for an individual to become a successful teacher?
 - C) Describe your major strengths and weaknesses and describe how they might impact your ability to be an effective teacher.

- ___ 3. Obtain two recommendations (please exclude VWC education professors)
 - ___ (1)
 - ___ (2)

- ___ 4. Earn and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

- ___ 5. Achieve passing scores on the Praxis I, VRA, and VCLA tests in accordance with the standards set by the state of Virginia. Submit a copy of the scores.

Praxis I	PPST/CPST
___ (1) reading	178
___ (2) writing	176
___ (3) mathematics	178
Composite	532

VRA	Passing Score
___	235

VCLA	Passing Score
___	470

- ___ 6. Final Submission

You will not be allowed to continue taking professional education courses after the second semester of education course if you have not passed Praxis I. You may continue taking courses for your major.

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