| **Advisory Board on Teacher Education** **and Licensure** |  |
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**AGENDA ITEM: 1**

**DATE: September 21, 2020**

**TOPIC: Recommendations to Approve New Education (Endorsement) Programs at Institutions of Higher Education**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Requests from Virginia institutions of higher education to add new education endorsement programs must be approved by the Board of Education. Requests are made annually, by May 1 of each year. The following is a list of the institutions of higher education and the new endorsements requested.

| **College/University** | **Education Endorsement Program** | **Program Level** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Bluefield College** | Elementary Education PreK-6 | Undergraduate |
| Biology | Undergraduate |
| Chemistry | Undergraduate |
| **Eastern Mennonite University** | Special Education-General Curriculum Elementary Education K-6 (add-on endorsement) | Undergraduate  |
| **Emory and Henry College** | Middle Education | Graduate |
| Biology | Graduate |
| Chemistry | Graduate |
| Earth Science | Graduate |
| Physics | Graduate |
| Visual Arts PreK-12 | Graduate |
| **Ferrum College** | Middle Education | Undergraduate |
| **George Mason University** | Computer Science | Undergraduate, Graduate |
| Special Education-General Curriculum Elementary Education K-6 (add-on endorsement) | Graduate |
| Special Education-General Curriculum Middle Education Grades 6-8 (add-on endorsement) | Graduate |
| Special Education-General Curriculum Secondary Education Grades 6-12 (add-on endorsement) | Graduate |
| **Liberty University** | Earth Science | Undergraduate |
| Physics | Undergraduate |
| **Randolph-Macon College** | Elementary Education PreK-6 | Undergraduate |
| **Roanoke College** | Biology | Undergraduate |
| Chemistry | Undergraduate |
| Physics | Undergraduate |
| **Sweet Briar College** | Special Education-General Curriculum Elementary Education K-6 (add-on endorsement) | Undergraduate |
| Special Education-General Curriculum Secondary Education Grades 6-12 (add-on endorsement) | Undergraduate |
| **University of Mary Washington** | Theatre Arts PreK-12 | Undergraduate |
| **University of Richmond** | Special Education-General Curriculum Elementary Education K-6 (add-on endorsement) | Undergraduate, Graduate |
| **University of Virginia** | Special Education-General Curriculum Elementary Education K-6 (add-on endorsement) | Undergraduate |
| **University of Virginia’s College at Wise** | Engineering | Undergraduate |
| **Virginia Union University** | Elementary Education PreK-6 | Undergraduate |
| **William & Mary** | Special Education-General Curriculum Elementary Education K-6 (add-on endorsement) | Graduate |
| Special Education-General Curriculum Secondary Education Grades 6-12 (add-on endorsement) | Graduate |

Program specialists in the Department of Education reviewed the requests for the new education endorsement programs. Program endorsement competencies, based on the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia,* were verified through the review of course descriptions and syllabi to determine alignment with each of the competencies required, including supervised classroom instruction. A review of the Request for New Endorsement Program application submitted by the institution evidenced written documentation of school divisions’ demand data, as well as institutional and school division support for the requested programs.

Section 8VAC20-543-30 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs* in Virginia requires institutions seeking education program approval to establish partnerships and collaborations based on PreK-12 school needs. All institutions of higher education provided a copy of the *Virginia Department of Education – Standards for Biennial Approval of Education Programs Accountability Measurement of Partnerships and Collaborations Based on PreK-12 School Needs Education Programs* form for the requested program endorsement area.

**ACTION:**

The Advisory Board of Teacher Education and Licensure is to make a recommendation on the new education endorsement program requests.