



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES · 2026

SPECIAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS

FOR GENERAL EDUCATORS & PARAPROFESSIONALS

FOR GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHERS · PREK-12

SPECIALLY DESIGNED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

SDI COURSE · NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

OVERVIEW

- Meets the Virginia requirement for SDI training for General Education Teachers, PreK-12
- 3-credit graduate-level course eligible for recertification
- Tuition covered for eligible in-service Virginia teachers during Summer 2026
- Space limited to 50 applicants

COURSE DELIVERY

- 10-week fully online, asynchronous format
- Course dates: May 18 - July 24, 2026
- Apply as a non-degree seeking graduate student

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Select: *Graduate, Non-degree · Special Education Severe Disabilities, MA · Summer 2026, Session D*
- Submit unofficial college transcripts (required for processing)
- Official transcripts due before semester begins
- Grade of B or higher required for recertification use

FEE WAIVER CODE - ENTER AT APPLICATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Application Link: [Special Education Severe Disabilities, MA program](#)
- Application Deadline: April 24, 2026

FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS · REGION 2

VIRGINIA ACADEMY FOR PARAPROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

VAPESE · NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY

OVERVIEW

- 3-day, in-person professional learning academy at NSU's School of Education
- Designed for Region 2 paraprofessionals who support students with disabilities
- Pending grant funding



JULY 7 - 9, 2026

ACADEMY FOCUS AREAS

SDI & IEP implementation

Supporting Student Independence

Behavior Support Strategies

Data Collection & Progress Monitoring

Teacher Collaboration

Family Communication

PARTICIPATION & SUPPORTS

- Commitment to attend all three days required
- Stipend provided for full participation
- Meals and instructional materials included

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Application Link: [Virginia Academy for Paraprofessional Excellence in Special Education \(VAPESE\) Application - Fill out form](#)
- Application Deadline: May 1, 2026



**VAPESE is pending grant funding. Contact Dr. Smith-Moyler to confirm availability.*