
We're Macon Great Special Education Teachers



RANDOLPH-MACON

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SPECIAL EDUCATION,
General Curriculum, K-12
Licensure Track
2015-2016

What's new in 2015?

Two Cohorts. The first cohort of 3 special education teachers will student teach in the spring semester of 2016. Alex Williams, Rebecca Waldman, and Lisa Marie Clinger were already enrolled at R-MC prior to the SPED program being approved, and were excited to be able to participate in this VDOE-approved pathway to a Special Education teaching license. The second cohort of 4 special education teachers—Hannah Rogers, Mallory Shepard, and Sydney Hinkle—are preparing to student teach in Spring 2017.

Partnering with Practitioners. SPED preservice teachers partnered with six amazing special educators at Chickahominy Middle School during Spring 2015 for an intensive foundational field experience. The preservice teachers worked with middle schoolers with a wide range of exceptionalities in collaborative, resource, and self-contained settings.

Service Learning. Two of the special education classes are developing lessons for Disability Awareness month. Preservice teachers will teach these lessons at Hanover Academy in October.

Community Connections. Special education administrators, Dr. Emily Snead and Dr. Lauran Ziegler, from Hanover County Public Schools (HCPS) presented workshops for our preservice teachers on functional behavior analysis, manifest determination, and writing individualized education plans.

Community Service. To stay abreast of current needs and trends in HCPS, Dr. Peacock serves on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

Mentor Cooperating Teacher Grant. Thanks to a grant from VDOE, HCPS partnered with R-MC to train highly qualified mentors for special education and secondary student teachers. Teachers selected to participate in the program participated in a 2-day training session in June 2015. Training for the mentor cooperating teachers will continue during preservice teachers' student teaching experience.



Alex Williams, Rebecca Waldman, and Lisa Marie Clinger will student teach in 2016.



Hannah Rogers, Mallory Shepard, and Sydney Hinkle (shown middle right) are preparing to student teach in Spring 2017.

VDOE approved the new Special Education program on November 21, 2013. The new curriculum was designed to align with the specific state-required competencies for general curriculum special educators and standards of the Council of Exceptional Children.

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