

2014-2015 Graduation Exit Survey - Initial Licensure - Public

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

From which program did you receive your degree? (Please note: Graduates from the Master of Education in Special Education in Emotional Disturbance, Learning Disabilities, and Mental Retardation or the Master of Teaching in Special Education should choose the Special Education-General Education response option.)

Value	Percent		Count
Art Education	20.8%		15
Early/Elementary Education	50.0%		36
Music Education	4.2%		3
Secondary Education - English	2.8%		2
Secondary Education - Science	2.8%		2
Secondary Education - History/Social Science	5.6%		4
Secondary Education - Mathematics	2.8%		2
Special Education - General Education	11.1%		8
	Total		72

PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITIONS

Please select the response that best describes the preparation you received at VCU for each of the following areas of professional knowledge and skills.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not receive any preparation	Average	Responses
Appreciating the roles and responsibilities of the profession	46 82.1%	10 17.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4.8	56
Understanding professional and ethical standards in your area of expertise	45 80.4%	10 17.9%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4.8	56

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Please select the response that best describes the preparation you received at VCU for each of the following areas of professional knowledge and skills

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not receive any preparation	Average	Responses
Creating an environment that encourages the academic growth of all students	36 64.3%	19 33.9%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4.6	56
Creating an environment that encourages the personal growth of all students	42 75.0%	12 21.4%	2 3.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4.7	56
Creating an environment that encourages the social growth of all students	36 64.3%	14 25.0%	5 8.9%	0 0.0%	1 1.8%	4.5	56
Creating an environment where high expectations are held of all students	39 69.6%	15 26.8%	1 1.8%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	4.6	56
Creating an environment where different perspectives are taken into account	40 71.4%	12 21.4%	2 3.6%	2 3.6%	0 0.0%	4.6	56

PLANNING

Please select the response that best describes the preparation you received at VCU for each of the following areas of professional knowledge and skills.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not receive any preparation	Average	Responses
Planning instruction that reflects best practice in your content area	36 64.3%	17 30.4%	2 3.6%	0 0.0%	1 1.8%	4.6	56
Planning instruction based on diverse individual student needs	36 64.3%	15 26.8%	4 7.1%	0 0.0%	1 1.8%	4.5	56
Using state SOL requirements when planning for and delivering instruction	37 66.1%	18 32.1%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 1.8%	4.6	56
Using professional standards when planning for and delivering instruction	37 66.1%	16 28.6%	2 3.6%	0 0.0%	1 1.8%	4.6	56

INSTRUCTION

Please select the response that best describes the preparation you received at VCU for each of the following areas of professional knowledge and skills.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not receive any preparation	Average	Responses
Understanding various ways students learn	40 72.7%	11 20.0%	4 7.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4.7	55
Delivering content-area knowledge	39 70.9%	13 23.6%	2 3.6%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	4.6	55
Using a broad range of instructional strategies for teaching diverse student populations	37 66.1%	17 30.4%	2 3.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4.6	56
Selecting technologies, informed by research, to promote learning for all students	31 56.4%	19 34.5%	3 5.5%	2 3.6%	0 0.0%	4.4	55
Integrating technology into instructional methods	28 51.9%	17 31.5%	7 13.0%	2 3.7%	0 0.0%	4.3	54
Using school, family, and community contexts to connect concepts to students' prior experiences and apply concepts to real-world issues	27 48.2%	27 48.2%	1 1.8%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	4.4	56

ASSESSMENT AND REFLECTIVE PRACTICE

Please select the response that best describes the preparation you received at VCU for each of the following areas of professional knowledge and skills.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Did not receive any preparation	Average	Responses
Assessing student learning using informal strategies	26 47.3%	23 41.8%	5 9.1%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	4.3	55
Assessing student learning using formal strategies	36 64.3%	16 28.6%	3 5.4%	0 0.0%	1 1.8%	4.5	56
Using assessment results to inform and adjust practice	32 57.1%	16 28.6%	6 10.7%	2 3.6%	0 0.0%	4.4	56
Using current research to inform practice	30 53.6%	18 32.1%	7 12.5%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	4.4	56
Using critical thinking to frame and solve educational problems	34 60.7%	17 30.4%	4 7.1%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	4.5	56
Engaging in reflective practice	47 83.9%	8 14.3%	1 1.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4.8	56
Collaborating professionally with colleagues, families, and other relevant individuals	35 63.6%	20 36.4%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4.6	55

SUMMARY

How would you describe the overall professional preparation you received at VCU?

Value	Percent	Count	Statistics	
Excellent	67.9%	38	Average	4.7
Good	32.1%	18		
	Total	56		