

I Too Teach – Teacher Residency Program for Master of Education Candidates



What is “I Too Teach”: It is an accelerated Master of Education program designed for individuals seeking endorsements in Elementary or Special Education.

VSU “I Too Teach” Program Expectations:

1. The VSU “I Too Teach” Program is designed to be rigorous and fast-paced. Candidates are expected to complete a minimum of 9 credit hours each semester and maintain a B average to stay in good standing. We understand this is a demanding schedule, and we appreciate your commitment to this journey.
2. **Funding Coverage:** The grant funds will cover tuition fees for the VSU academic year. Please note that additional costs such as room, board, and other fees are not included in this grant. We encourage you to plan for these expenses to ensure you have full support throughout your academic experience.
3. **Program Start and Completion Requirements:** For those accepted, courses will align with the grant cycle. For example, grants received in winter will start in January, while those received in spring will begin in summer. It’s important to successfully complete your coursework as outlined, starting from when the grant begins and continuing for one year. To minimize out-of-pocket costs, please stay on track with your courses. Any incomplete or failed courses by the end of the program may require you to cover those costs yourself. All courses must be completed within a two-year period* to avoid repayment of grant funds.
4. **Internship Requirements:** Admitted candidates are required to work as an instructional assistant or paraprofessional in our partner schools, collaborating with a Mentor Teacher throughout the school year. This hands-on experience serves as your internship for licensure. To be eligible for the grant, you must be employed by one of our partner schools.
5. **Post-Graduation Commitment:** After graduating, you will apply for licensure with a commitment to work in an at-risk school within your school division for the following three years. If you do not complete the program or fulfill the three-year work

requirement, you will need to repay the grant funds provided for your Master of Education (M.Ed.).

6. **Licensure Requirements:** To obtain licensure, candidates endorsed in Elementary and Special Education must pass the Praxis Teaching Reading Assessment (5205). For elementary education endorsement, you will also need to pass all four parts of the Praxis II: mathematics, science, social studies, and English. Please ensure these assessments are completed before the end of the program to meet graduation and licensure requirements.
7. **Eligibility for Grant with Provisional License:** Candidates holding a provisional license are not eligible for this grant unless they are willing to work as an instructional aide or paraprofessional outside of their provisional license. This helps ensure alignment with the grant's goals and requirements.

Please submit your application materials as soon as possible. If you currently hold a provisional license, please be aware that you are not eligible for the grant unless you are prepared to work outside of your provisional license as an instructional aide or paraprofessional. We appreciate your understanding and prompt attention to this matter.

We're here to support you throughout this process and are committed to helping you achieve your educational and professional goals. Thank you for your dedication and understanding.

*VSU will work with individual students on a case-by-case basis.

STEP 1	Apply to the VSU Teacher Residency Program	VSU teacher Residency Program Application	
	<p>Need the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One Writing Sample 2. Two Professional Recommendations 3. Unofficial or Official transcripts 	<p>A writing sample is required - outlines in 1 – 2 pages, the potential candidates’ experience with children and why they would like to participate in this teacher residency program.</p> <p>Candidates must upload the Word or PDF file with the teacher residency application.</p>	
		All professional recommendations must be submitted with the application.	
		Submission of an unofficial or official copy of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts is required with the application	
STEP 2	Step Two: Apply to VSU Graduate School	https://www.vsu.edu/admissions/apply/graduate-apply/index.php Follow the instructions to <u>log in</u> or <u>start a new application</u>	
		To complete the application process and click <u>Apply Now/Check Status</u>	
		Questions concerning the admissions process may be directed to admissions@vsu.edu , (804) 524-5902	

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