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• New Pathway to Licensure Opportunities • Summer /Fall 2016

The VT-HEC announces the start of (3) programs that lead to licensure. All our pathway programs have the goal of providing quality preparation and training to Vermont educators who are committed to working towards the success of every child and student.

All VT-HEC Programs:

- Offer coursework that meets the VT requirements for transcript review in the endorsement area sought
- Offer the coursework and guidance to apply for initial licensure through the VT peer review program
- Are affiliated with and offer credit through our VT State College partners- Castleton University and Lyndon State College
- Can lead to a Master's degree with partnering institution if eligible
- Are offered in either a face to face or hybrid model to maximize statewide access
- Are taught by qualified experts from field who are committed to using principles and practices of adult learning to ensure practical and relevant learning

Special Educator Pathway to Licensure Program

This program is open to licensed Vermont educators wishing to add the endorsement and qualified individuals seeking initial licensure in special education through peer review. It provides the 21 credits necessary for the endorsement and takes 2 years to complete. (Credits through Castleton University)

First course: History, Legal Issues, and Support Systems in Special Education

Dates: June 24 – July 29 (June 24 face to face) remainder on-line **Location:** Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce – Berlin, VT

Format: Face to face and on-line **Instructor:** Andrea Wasson

Andrea has worked in the field of special education in Vermont for over 25 years in both the public and private sector. Currently, she is the Director of Special Services for the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union.

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Learn more and register at: http://www.vthec.org

Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Educator (EC/ECSE) Pathway to Licensure Program

This program is open to licensed Vermont educators wishing to add either the Early Childhood or Early Childhood Special Educator endorsements to their teaching license. It is also open to qualified individuals seeking initial licensure in either EC or ECSE through peer review. The EC coursework (18 credits) and the EC/Special Ed coursework (21 credits) intentionally overlap in some course areas before separating for the specific endorsement sought. (Credits through Lyndon State College)

First course: Advanced Child Development

Dates: June 18, July 16, & August 13 face to face, remainder on-line

Location: Central VT

Format: Face to face and on-line **Instructor:** Manuela Fonseca

Manuela coordinates the VT-HEC EC/ECSE licensure programs. She has had over thirty years of experience in the field of early childhood education as a teacher, professor, administrator, and researcher. Currently, she is a TA Specialist for the federal Preschool Development Grant program.

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Middle School Pathway to Licensing Program

This program offers four courses (12 credits) required for adding the Middle Grades endorsement to a Vermont teacher's license through the VT Transcript Review Process. The program is designed to be completed in one year. (Credits through Castleton University)

First course: Nature and Needs of Adolescents

Dates: Fall 2016 **Location:** TBD

Format: Face to face and on-line

Instructor: Susie Girardin

Susie is the VT-HEC Middle School Coordinator and instructor as well as a consultant to middle schools around the state. She works closely with educators on school-wide literacy, the nature and needs of adolescents, self-directed teaching and learning, and best instructional practices.

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