



## VCU Career Switchers FAQ

**Q: How can I find out more information about the VCU Career Switchers Program?**

A: General information about the VCU Career Switchers Program can be found [here](#).

**Q: What teaching endorsements are available for Career Switchers?**

A: The endorsement areas (including test scores and passing scores for the VCU Career Switchers Program can be found [here](#).

**Q: What assessments are required for the VCU Career Switchers Program?**

A: The [Praxis assessment](#) in the individual's identified endorsement area must be completed and passed prior to applying to the career switchers program. Test scores must be included with the application. **The VCLA assessment is no longer required.**

**Q: When I hear about acceptance after applying?**

A: Acceptance information will be provided to individual applicants within approximately 30 days after the application deadline.

**Q: Is there an orientation session?**

A: Yes, the orientation date will be provided to accepted individuals.

**Q: What other information do I need when starting the VCU Career Switchers program?**

A: All basic program information can be found on the [website](#). Any specific information for accepted and enrolled individuals will be provided before and during enrollment in the VCU Career Switchers Program.

**Q: When is payment due for the VCU Career Switchers Program?**

A: payment is due within two weeks of being accepted into the program. The actual payment deadline will be provided with acceptance information.

**Q: I qualify for Troops to Teachers (TTT). How is my career switchers fee paid?**

A: Once accepted, the VCU Career Switchers program will contact TTT on the individual's behalf to arrange payment from TTT. Individuals may still be responsible for related licensure, background, and testing fees.

**Q: How long will each module take?**

A: Career Switchers are required to obtain 180 learning hours. Participants can expect each module to take about 30 hours; not including the classroom observation requirement.

**Q: How long does Level I take?**

A: Level I includes multiple modules, at least 180 instructional hours, and at least 30 hours of classroom observation. These requirements can be completed in as little as one academic semester (fall or spring). Individuals earning more than one endorsement will be required to complete classroom observation hours for each endorsement.

**Q: When will I obtain my provisional license?**

A: The application for the provisional license will be completed and signed upon successful completion of the Level I instructional modules.

**Q: When will I obtain my full renewable license?**

A: The full renewable license will be signed off upon successful completion of all Level II requirements and a full academic year of classroom teaching.

**Q: What are the fees for the program?**

A: Please reach out to the VCU Career Switchers Program for more information about the most accurate program costs and fees.

**Q: Are there any refunds?**

A: Once accepted and paid, there are no refunds for the VCU Career Switchers Program.

**Please direct additional questions or concerns to Sharrie Merritte,**  
[merrittesa@vcu.edu](mailto:merrittesa@vcu.edu). Interested individuals can also schedule a time to chat about the  
VCU Career Switchers Program [here](#).