The Department of Secondary Education and School Leadership (SESL) offers multi-dimensional programs in urban education and teacher preparation. The focus is to offer in-service and pre-service practitioners an opportunity to acquire state endorsements and licensure while enhancing their professional development. The programs offered in the SESL Department include:

**Master of Arts (MA) in Urban Education** with concentrations in:

1. Professional School Counseling
2. Mental Health Counseling
3. Principal Preparation Pre-K-12 (Accelerated Online Program)
4. Curriculum Development and Supervision (currently under revision and not accepting applications)
5. Advanced Teacher Education in Subject Area Concentrations for those who hold a teacher’s license of certification in a content area

**Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)** with concentrations in:

1. Biology
2. Chemistry
3. English
4. History
5. Mathematics

The Department historically has focused its attention principally on those educational issues germane to the urban experience. The intention is to provide students with the types of broad-based learning experiences that engender standards of excellence and equity as preparation for leadership in urban educational settings. The Department is committed to infusing technology and diversity throughout all its programs. The goal is to prepare competent, compassionate, collaborative, and committed leaders capable of meeting the diverse needs of all learners.

All programs are approved by the Virginia Department of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

**Secondary Education and School Leadership Programs**

- Teaching, M.A. - Secondary Education ([https://catalog.nsu.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-school-leadership/teaching-ma-secondary/](https://catalog.nsu.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-school-leadership/teaching-ma-secondary/))
- Urban Education, M.A. ([https://catalog.nsu.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-school-leadership/urban-ma/](https://catalog.nsu.edu/graduate/education/secondary-education-school-leadership/urban-ma/))