

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES AND NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION

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The School for Professional and Non-Traditional Education offers certificates and undergraduate programs to non-traditional undergraduate students in classroom-based (residential), distance learning (online), and blended formats during a two-semester academic year and in Summer sessions. The School for Professional and Non-Traditional Education is committed to providing students with a broad education in the liberal arts—an objective requiring study in a variety of academic disciplines—and expertise in an academic major in business, early childhood education, nursing, psychology, and theology. This education supports Vanguard University's mission to pursue knowledge, cultivate character, deepen faith, and equip each student for a Spirit-empowered life of Christ-centered leadership and service. Emphasis is placed on the application of an academic discipline to an integrated Christian faith and life as it is lived in vocation, service, and graduate studies.

Academic majors housed in The School for Professional and Non-Traditional Education are listed below within their respective divisions. Academic majors typically have several options for minors, concentrations, and emphases. A petition for an academic minor, concentration, or emphasis must be filed with the Registrar's Office.

Division of Arts, Education and Humanities

The **Early Childhood** program is offered in a distance learning (online) format only.

- Early Childhood B.A. (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/arhu/professional-studies/education/education-ba-early-childhood/>)
- Early Childhood B.A. with a Concentration in Special Education (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/arhu/professional-studies/education/education-ba-special-education/>)
- Early Childhood B.A. with a Concentration in STEM/STEAM (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/arhu/professional-studies/education/education-ba-steam/>)
- Early Childhood Certificate (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/arhu/professional-studies/education/early-childhood-certificate/>)
- Transitional Kindergarten Certificate (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/arhu/professional-studies/education/transitional-kindergarten-certificate/>)

Division of Business and Communication

The **Business Administration** and **Management** programs are both offered in residential (on-campus) and distance learning (online) formats.

- Business Administration B.A. (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/buco/professional-studies/business/business-administration-ba/>)

- Management B.A. (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/buco/professional-studies/business/management-ba/>)

Division of Natural, Physical and Health Sciences

- Nursing B.S.N. (RN to BSN) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stem/professional-studies/nursing/nursing-bsn/>)

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

The **Psychology** program is offered in both residential (on-campus) and distance learning (online) formats.

- Psychology B.A. (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/sobe/professional-studies/psychology/psychology-ba/>)

Division of Theology

The **Religion and Theology** program is offered in both residential (on-campus) and distance learning (online) formats. The **Anti-Human Trafficking Certificate** is offered in a distance learning (online) format only.

- Anti-Human Trafficking Certificate (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/theo/undergraduate/theology/anti-human-trafficking-certificate/>)
- Religion B.A. with a Concentration in Ministry and Leadership (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/theo/professional-studies/theology/theology-ba-ministry-leadership/>)