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TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUPT'S EMAIL: [Initial Provisional Licensure Requirement: Legal Aspects of Special Education Course Offering](#)

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) in partnership with Radford University is offering a compressed, seven-week asynchronous online course for 25 individuals in Fall 2022. This course, the Legal Aspects of Special Education, will be at no cost to individuals and will increase the pool of eligible applicants for open special education teaching positions. The course meets the VDOE requirement that individuals hired on a provisional special education license must have completed coursework in the competencies of foundations for the education of students with disabilities and an understanding and application of the legal aspects and regulatory requirements associated with identification, education, and evaluation of students with disabilities.

Participants must meet the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university (transcripts or degree)
- Commitment to pursue teaching Special Education
- Demonstrate a willingness to apply for open special education teaching positions in the nominating school division upon completion of the course
- Not have previously completed an equivalent course at the undergraduate or graduate level
- Not have been hired under a Provisional License before or have an expired Provisional License
- Demonstrate an understanding of the Provisional License in Special Education requirements in Virginia

The course will be available in the Learning Management System for participants starting **August 15, 2022**, and students will be asked to complete all course requirements by **September 30, 2022**. Priority consideration will be given to school divisions with a large number of vacancies.

For more information

Interested candidates should contact Dr. Darren Minarik, Co-Director Virginia Inclusive Practices Center, Radford University, at Dminarik@radford.edu, or (540) 831-7660, for additional information. Please contact Dr. Teresa Lee, Special Education Instructional Services Coordinator, at Teresa.Lee@doe.virginia.gov, or (804) 371-8283, if you are unsure whether your school division qualifies for this opportunity.

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