

Note: Upon completion of this program plan and passing the required Virginia assessments, you will be eligible for a Virginia license in this program's area of endorsement. Refer to [www.liberty.edu/advisingguide](http://www.liberty.edu/advisingguide)

<b><u>INITIAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Semester</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
EDUC 500	Advanced Educational Psychology	3	_____	_____
EDUC 504	Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 518	Understanding Educational Research and Assessment	3	_____	_____
EDUC 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
<b><u>ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COGNATE COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 531	Teaching the Natural and Social Sciences	3	_____	_____
EDUC 554	Reading and Language Acquisition	3	_____	_____
EDUC 632	Language Acquisition and Instruction <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>PROFESSIONAL COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 556	Teaching Content Area Reading	3	_____	_____
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals <sup>2 &amp; 3</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 590, 591, 592 or 593	Student Teaching <sup>2 &amp; 4</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS:</b>		<b>36</b>		

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 semester hours  
 A minimum of 30 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty  
 A maximum of 6 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree  
 2.5 GPA  
 No more than two (2) grades of C may be applied to the degree  
 No grade of D may be applied to the degree  
 Degree must be completed within 5 years  
 Three courses in residence  
 All Resident students are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester  
 All Online students admitted on Academic Probation are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester  
 Submit Graduation Application at the beginning of the final semester

**Notes**

Competencies must be met prior to student teaching.  
 Please refer to the Elementary/Middle Content Competency Chart.  
 EDUC 673 or 676 may be added for Middle School endorsement.

<sup>1</sup> Residency Requirement (minimum 9 hours)

<sup>2</sup> *International candidates* seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDUC 571 and 590 to count as part of their residency requirement.

<sup>3</sup> EDUC 571 to be taken the semester directly before or during student teaching.

<sup>4</sup> Course and section number will be assigned during Gate 3 Application.

### SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

#### First Semester (Fall)<sup>2</sup>

EDUC 500 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 518 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 521 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	9

#### Second Semester (Winter)

EDUC 623 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	3

#### Third Semester (Spring)<sup>3</sup>

EDUC 554 <sup>4&amp;5</sup> (B-Term)	3
EDUC 530 (D-Term)	3
EDUC 556 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	9

#### Fourth Semester (Summer)

EDUC 531 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 504 <sup>1</sup>	3
EDUC 632 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	9

#### Fifth Semester (Fall)

EDUC 590, 591, 592 or 593 (A-Term)	3
EDUC 571 <sup>6</sup> (B-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	6

#### **Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>Intensive Course

<sup>2</sup>Submit Gate 2 and Content Competencies; Register for Praxis II, VCLA and RVE

<sup>3</sup>Submit Gate 3 by 2/15 for fall or 9/15 for spring

<sup>4</sup>EDUC 554 required prior to RVE

<sup>5</sup>EDUC 554 offered in B-term only

<sup>6</sup>EDUC 571 must be taken directly before or during student teaching

Adding an endorsement is **STRONGLY** recommended to enhance employment opportunities.

Additional courses required for **dual endorsement**

**Special Education:** EDUC 524, 525, 599 and 622

According to the Virginia Department of Education, an individual who holds a teaching license may add an additional endorsement to the license by passing Praxis II.