

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>SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3	_____	_____
EDUC 525	Collaborating for Successful Transitions	3	_____	_____
EDUC 622	Educational Assessment and Intervention <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>PROFESSIONAL COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 554	Reading and Language Acquisition	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**

<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 524 (D-Term)	3
EDUC 530 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	9

#### Fourth Semester (Summer)

EDUC 525 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 504 <sup>1</sup>	3
EDUC 622 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	9

#### Fifth Semester (Fall)<sup>6</sup>

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 a content endorsement (elementary and/or secondary) is **STRONGLY** recommended. A content endorsement is required in some states for special education license. In Virginia, a content endorsement is required to be "highly qualified." Must meet content competencies and pass Praxis II

Additional courses required for **dual endorsement**

**Elementary Education:** EDUC 531, 556, 599, 632

**Secondary Education:** EDUC 535, 599, 673, 695,

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. (This testing option does not apply to individuals who are seeking an elementary education endorsement.)