

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	Learning Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 504	Historical & Philosophical Foundations of Education <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDUC 606	Tests & Measurements	3	_____	_____
<b><u>ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 531	Teaching the Natural & Social Sciences	3	_____	_____
EDUC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 632	Language Acquisition & Instruction <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>PROFESSIONAL COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals <sup>3, 4</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 59_	Student Teaching <sup>2, 3, 5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 656	Teaching Content Area Reading	3	_____	_____
		<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>36</b>	

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 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 grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)

Three courses required in Residence<sup>1</sup>

Degree must be completed within 5 years

All Online students admitted on Academic Caution are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester

Please submit a Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office 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>Course offered in Residence (EDUC 504, 623, 632)

<sup>2</sup>Background check clearance required (EDUC 554, 590, 591, 592, 593)

<sup>3</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>4</sup>EDUC 571 to be taken the semester directly before or during student teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Students will be assigned either EDUC 590, 591, 592 or 593. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application.

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

First Semester (Fall)		Second Semester (Winter) <sup>1</sup>	
EDUC 500 (B-Term)	3	EDUC 623 <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>
EDUC 606 (B-Term)	3	Total	3
EDUC 521 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>		
Total	9		

Third Semester (Spring) <sup>3</sup>		Fourth Semester (Summer)	
EDUC 554 <sup>4,5</sup> (B-Term)	3	EDUC 531 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 530 (D-Term)	3	EDUC 504 <sup>2</sup>	3
EDUC 656 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	EDUC 632 <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9

Fifth Semester (Fall)	
EDUC 59_ <sup>6</sup> (A-Term)	3
EDUC 571 <sup>7</sup> (B-Term)	<u>3</u>
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**Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Submit Gate 2 and Content Competencies; Register for Praxis II and VCLA

<sup>2</sup>Intensive

<sup>3</sup>Submit Gate 3 application by 2/1 for fall Student Teaching or 9/1 for spring Student Teaching

<sup>4</sup>At conclusion of EDUC 554 register for RVE

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

<sup>6</sup>Students will be assigned either EDUC 590, 591, 592 or 593. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application.

<sup>7</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 & 622

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