LIBERTY UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Middle Grades Education (6-8) Cognate

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

After completion of the required program coursework (including student teaching), content competencies (if applicable), and the passing of licensure tests, the graduate of this program would be eligible for a VA state teaching license.

INITIAL EDUC	ATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
EDLC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning		3		
EDLC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners		3		
EDLC 606	Tests & Measurements		3		
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management		3		
MIDDLE GRAI	DES EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)				
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals ¹				
EDLC 632	Literacy & Language Instruction		3		
Choose one of the	ofollowing courses:				
EDUC 601	Professional Development in Middle Grades Education		3		
EDUC 602	Young Adolescents, Schools & Communities				
Choose one of the	following courses:				
EDUC 635	Teaching Science in the Middle School		3		
EDUC 637	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle School				
EDUC 668	Mathematics Instruction & Learning for K-8		3		
EDUC 669	Literacy for Middle Level Learners		3		
PROFESSIONA	L COURSES (6 hours)				
EDLC 625	Content Instructional Procedures ^{2,3}		3		
EDLC 656	Literacy Across the Curriculum ^{2,4}		3		
<u>GATE & FIELD</u>	EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)				
EDGT 520	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure		0		
EDGT 560	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure				
EDGT 580	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure		0		. <u></u> ,
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I ^{2,4}				
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II ^{2,3}		0		
STUDENT TEA	CHING (6 hours)				
EDST 585	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Middle/Secondary		3		
	1,2,5		3		
	TOTAL	HOURS	36		

Graduation Requirements

Complete 36 hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level

3.0 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-) Degree must be completed within 5 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met Refer to the Middle Grades Education Content Competency Chart. Competencies must be met prior to student teaching

All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching, and students should not complete practicum courses during the summer semester

¹International candidates seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDLC 571 and EDST 561 and 563 to count as part of their residency requirement

²Background check clearance required (EDLC 588, 625, 656, 688; EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, or 569)

³EDLC 625 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688

⁴EDLC 656 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

⁵Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, or 569. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester		-	Second Semester		
EDGT 520 (B-Term)		0	EDLC 588 (A-Term) ^{1,2}		0
EDLC 504 (B-Term)		3	EDLC 606 (B-Term)		3
EDLC 510 (D-Term)		3	EDLC 656 (B-Term) ^{1,2}		3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)		0	Elective (D-Term) ³		<u>3</u>
EDLC 623 (D-Term)		<u>3</u>		Total	9
Т	otal	9			
Third Semester		<u>.</u>	Fourth Semester		
EDUC 601 or 602 (B or D Ter	m) ⁴	3	EDLC 688 (A-Term) ^{1,2}		0
EDLC 632 (B or D Term)		<u>3</u>	EDGT 580 (B-Term) ^{1,2,5}		0
Т	otal	6	EDLC 625 (B-Term) ^{1,2}		3
			EDLC 571 (D-Term)		<u>3</u>
				Total	6
Fifth Semester		_			
EDST 56_ (A-Term) ^{1,2}		3			
EDST 585 (B-term) ^{1,2}		<u>3</u>			
Т	otal	6			
Notes					
¹ Course should not be taken in	the s	ummer se	mester		
² Background check clearance	requi	red			
			C 635, 637, 668, or 669		

⁵Course should be taken the semester before student teaching