# LIBERTY UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

## **Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)**

Elementary Education Cognate (45 hour) Special Education General Curriculum (K-6) Add-On

2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

As a requirement for completion of this program, including student teaching and passing required licensure tests, the graduate of this program, regardless of state residency, must obtain a VA state teaching license. The VA teaching license may then be used for reciprocity in another state according to the regulations of that state.

INITIAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)			<u>Sem</u>	<b>Grade</b>
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		
ELEMENTAR	Y EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)			
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics <sup>1,2</sup>	3		
EDLC 554	Foundations in Early Literacy Instruction <sup>2,3</sup>	3		
EDLC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3		
EDLC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School	3		
SPECIAL EDU	UCATION COURSES (9 hours)			
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3		
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3		
EDSP 525	Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners <sup>2,4</sup>	3		
PROFESSION	AL COURSES (6 hours)			
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3		
EDLC 632	Literacy Instruction for Grades PK-8	3		
GATE & FIEL	D EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)			
EDSP 545	Practicum in Special Educ. for Add On Endorsement – Elem. <sup>2,4</sup>	0		
EDGT 520	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure	0		
EDGT 560	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure	0		
EDGT 580	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure	0		
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I <sup>2,3</sup>	0		
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II <sup>1,2</sup>	0		
STUDENT TE	ACHING (6 hours)			
EDST 586	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar - Elementary	3		
	2,5	3		
	TOTAL HOURS	45		

### **Graduation Requirements**

Complete 45 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

No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of 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

All applicable prerequisites must be met

All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching, and candidates should not plan to take practicum courses in summer terms.

Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Please refer to the Elementary Content Competency Chart

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

<sup>1</sup>EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688

<sup>2</sup>Background check clearance required (EDLC 530, 554, 588, 688; EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569; EDSP 525, 545)

<sup>3</sup>EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

<sup>4</sup>EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 545 <sup>5</sup>Candidates 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

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# SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester		Second Semester EDLC 588 (A-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	0
EDGT 520 (B-Term)	3	EDLC 588 (A-Term) <sup>7</sup> EDLC 554 (B-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDLC 504 (B-Term)			
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0	EDLC 606 (D-Term)	3
EDLC 510 (D-Term)	3	EDLC 632 (D-Term)	3
EDLC 623 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	Total	9
Tota	al 9		
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
EDSP 521 (B-Term)	3	EDLC 688 (A-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	0
EDLC 634 (B-Term)	3	EDLC 530 (B-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDLC 636 (D-Term)	3	EDLC 571 (D-Term)	3
Tota	al 9	Total	6
Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester	
EDSP 545 (A-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	0	EDST 586 (A-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDGT 580 (B-Term) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	0	EDST 56_ (A-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDSP 525 (B-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	3	Total	6
EDSP 524 (D-Term)	3		
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### Notes

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 $<sup>{}^{1}</sup>$ Course should not be taken in the summer semester

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Background check clearance required

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Course should be taken the semester before student teaching