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

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 with endorsements in Elementary Education (PreK-6) and Special Education General Curriculum (K-6).

INITIAL EDU	CATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)	Hrs	<u>Sem</u>	Grade
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	Y EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours) Teaching Mathematics ^{1,2}	3		
EDLC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition ^{2,3}	3		
EDLC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3		
EDLC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School	3		
SPECIAL EDU	JCATION 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 ^{2,4}	3		
PROFESSION	AL COURSES (6 hours)			
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals ⁵	3		
EDLC 632	Literacy & Language Instruction	3		
GATE & FIEL	D EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)			
EDSP 545	Practicum in Special Educ. for Add On Endorsement – Elem. ^{2,4}	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 ^{2,3}	0		
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II ^{1,2}	0		
STUDENT TE	ACHING (6 hours)			
EDST 586	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar - Elementary	3		
	2,5,6	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 3.0 GPA

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

¹EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688

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

³EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

⁴EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 545

⁵International 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

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

Notes

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¹Course should not be taken in the summer semester

²Background check clearance required

³Course should be taken the semester before student teaching