

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.

<b><u>CORE COURSES (15 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
EDLC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning	3	_____	_____
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3	_____	_____
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDSP 522	Special Education & Disability Law	3	_____	_____
EDSP 622	Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education	3	_____	_____
<b><u>SPECIAL EDUCATION ADAPTED CURRICULUM COGNATE (15 hours)</u></b>				
EDLC 651	Language & Literacy for Diverse Learners	3	_____	_____
EDSP 519	Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities	3	_____	_____
EDSP 525	Transition & Assessment for Exceptional Learners <sup>1,2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDSP 529	Employment, Community, & Independent Living	3	_____	_____
EDSP 534	Individualized Programming & Curriculum <sup>2,3</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>GATE &amp; FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)</u></b>				
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 <sup>4</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDSP 588	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education I <sup>2,3</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II <sup>1,2</sup>	0	_____	_____
<b><u>STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)</u></b>				
EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>				
EDST 590	Student Teaching: Local <sup>2,4,5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDST 591	Student Teaching: Local – Own Classroom <sup>2,4,5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDST 592	Student Teaching: External <sup>2,4,5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDST 593	Student Teaching: External – Own Classroom <sup>2,4,5</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>36</b>		

**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*

<sup>1</sup>EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

<sup>2</sup>Background check clearance required (EDSP 525, 534, 588, 688, EDST 587, 590, 591, 592, 593)

<sup>3</sup>EDSP 534 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 588

<sup>4</sup>Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, 591, 592, or 593. Course and section number will be designated during EDGT 580

<sup>5</sup>**International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDST 590, 591, 592, or 593 to count as part of their residency requirement  
*Suggested Course Sequence on second page*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

First Semester<sup>1</sup>

EDLC 504 (B-Term)	3
EDGT 520 (B-Term)	0
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0
EDSP 521 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	6

Second Semester

EDSP 519 (B-Term)	3
EDSP 622 (B-Term)	3
EDLC 651 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	9

Third Semester<sup>6</sup>

EDSP 588 (A-Term) <sup>1, 2</sup>	0
EDLC 623 (B-Term)	3
EDSP 534 (B-Term) <sup>2</sup>	3
EDSP 522 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	9

Fourth Semester

EDGT 580 (A-Term) <sup>1, 3</sup>	0
EDSP 688 (A-Term) <sup>1, 2</sup>	0
EDSP 525 (B-Term) <sup>2</sup>	3
EDSP 529 (B-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	6

Fifth Semester

EDST 59_ (A-Term) <sup>1, 2</sup>	3
EDST 587 (B-Term) <sup>1, 2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Should not be taken during the summer semester

<sup>2</sup>Background check clearance required

<sup>3</sup>Should be taken the semester before student teaching