

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.

| CORE COURSES (15 hours) | | Hrs | Sem | Grade |
|---|--|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| 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 | _____ | _____ |
| EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (15 hours) | | | | |
| EDEC 670 | Curriculum & Methods for Early Childhood Education | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDLC 554 | Reading & Language Acquisition | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDLC 651 | Literacy & Language for Diverse Learners ^{2,3} | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 519 | Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 534 | Individualized Programming & Curriculum ^{1,2} | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| GATE & FIELD 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 | 0 | _____ | _____ |
| EDGT 580 | School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure ⁵ | 0 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 588 | Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education I ^{1,2} | 0 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 688 | Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II ^{2,3} | 0 | _____ | _____ |
| STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours) | | | | |
| EDST 587 | The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education ² | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Choose one of the following courses:</i> | | | | |
| EDST 590 | Student Teaching: Local ^{2,4,5} | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDST 591 | Student Teaching: Local – Own Classroom ^{2,4,5} | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDST 592 | Student Teaching: External ^{2,4,5} | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDST 593 | Student Teaching: External – Own Classroom ^{2,4,5} | 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

¹EDSP 534 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 588

²Background check clearance required (EDLC 651, EDSP 534, 588, 688, EDST 587, 590, 591, 592, 593)

³EDLC 651 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

⁴International 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

⁵Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, 591, 592, or 593. Course and section number will be designated during EDGT 580

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

| <u>First Semester</u> | | <u>Second Semester</u> | |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| EDGT 520 (B-Term) | 0 | EDSP 519 (B-Term) | 3 |
| EDLC 504 (B-Term) | 3 | EDSP 622 (B-Term) | 3 |
| EDGT 560 (D-Term) | 0 | EDLC 554 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> |
| EDSP 521 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> | Total | 9 |
| Total | 6 | | |

| <u>Third Semester</u> | | <u>Fourth Semester</u> | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| EDSP 588 (A-Term) ^{1,2} | 0 | EDGT 580 (A-Term) ^{1,3} | 0 |
| EDSP 534 (B-Term) ² | 3 | EDSP 688 (A-Term) ^{1,2} | 0 |
| EDLC 623 (B-Term) | 3 | EDLC 651 (B-Term) ^{1,2} | 3 |
| EDSP 522 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> | EDEC 670 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> |
| Total | 9 | Total | 6 |

| <u>Fifth Semester</u> | |
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| EDST 59_ (A-Term) ^{1,2} | 3 |
| EDST 587 (B-Term) ^{1,2} | <u>3</u> |
| Total | 6 |

Notes

¹Should not be taken during the summer semester

²Background check clearance required

³Should be taken the semester before student teaching