

This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations or cognates. 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.

#### **CORE COURSES (15 hours)**

		<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	_____	_____

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (15 hours)**

EDEC 670	Curriculum & Methods for Early Childhood Education	3	_____	_____
EDLC 554	Foundations in Early Literacy Instruction	3	_____	_____
EDLC 651	Literacy & Language for Diverse Populations <sup>1,2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDSP 519	Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities	3	_____	_____
EDSP 534	Individualized Programming & Curriculum <sup>1,3</sup>	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 <sup>4</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDSP 588	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education I <sup>1,3</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II <sup>1,2</sup>	0	_____	_____

#### **STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)**

EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
		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**

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#### **Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

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

<sup>1</sup>Background check clearance required (EDLC 651, EDSP 534, 588, 688, EDST 587, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, or 569)

<sup>2</sup>EDLC 651 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

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

<sup>4</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 EDGT 580

*Suggested Course Sequence on second page*

Effective: Catalog Term 2024-40

### **SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

#### **First Semester**

EDGT 520 (B-Term)	0
EDLC 504 (B-Term)	3
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 554 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	9

#### **Third Semester**

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

#### **Fourth Semester**

EDSP 688 (A-Term) <sup>1, 2</sup>	0
EDGT 580 (B-Term) <sup>1, 3</sup>	0
EDLC 651 (B-Term) <sup>1, 2</sup>	3
EDEC 670 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	6

#### **Fifth Semester**

EDST 56_ (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