

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.

| <u>CORE COURSES (15 hours)</u> | | <u>Hrs</u> | <u>Sem</u> | <u>Grade</u> |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| EDSP 521 | Foundations of Exceptionality | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 522 | Special Education & Disability Law | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 622 | Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 504 | Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 623 | Principles of Behavior Management | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>SPECIAL EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD COGNATE (15 hours)</u> | | | | |
| EDSP 519 | Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 534 | Individualized Programming & Curriculum ^{1,2} | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 554 | Reading & Language Acquisition | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 651 | Literacy & Language for Diverse Learners ^{2,3} | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 670 | Curriculum & Methods for Early Childhood | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>GATE & FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)</u> | | | | |
| 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 | _____ | _____ |
| <u>STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)</u> | | | | |
| 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 (EDSP 534, 588, 688, EDST 587, 590, 591, 592, 593, EDUC 651)
 - ³EDUC 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 EDUC 580
- Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page*

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester¹

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

Third Semester⁶

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| EDSP 588 (A-Term) ^{1, 2} | 0 |
| EDSP 534 (B-Term) ² | 3 |
| EDUC 623 (B-Term) | 3 |
| EDSP 522 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> |
| Total | 9 |

Fourth Semester

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| EDGT 580 (A-Term) ^{1, 3} | 0 |
| EDSP 688 (A-Term) ^{1, 2} | 0 |
| EDUC 651 (B-Term) ^{1, 2} | 3 |
| EDUC 670 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> |
| Total | 6 |

Fifth Semester

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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