Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education (M.A.T.)
General Curriculum Cognate (45 hour)
reer and Technical Education – Transition and Special Needs
(Add-On Endorsement)
2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

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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)		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		

GENERAL CURRICULUM COGNATE (24 hours)				
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3		
EDLC 554	Foundations in Early Literacy Instruction[1,2]	3		
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3		
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3		
EDSP 525	Transition & Assessment for Exceptional Learners[2,3]	3		
EDSP 529	Employment, Community, & Independent Living	3		
_____	Education or Special Education Elective[4]	3		
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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	0		
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum 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		
_____ [2,5]		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 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

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

[1]EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

[2]Background check clearance required (EDGT 585, EDSP 588, 688, EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 587, EDLC 554 or 588)

[3]EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

[4]Choose a 500-600 level EDUC or EDSP course not already applying to the degree

[5]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

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester
EDGT 520 (B-Term)	3
EDLC 504 (B-Term)	0
EDSP 521 (D-Term)	3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0
Total	6

Second Semester
EDSP 622 (B-Term)	3
EDUC or EDSP Elective	3
EDSP 524 (D-Term)	3
Total	9

Third Semester
EDLC 588 (A-Term)[1, 2]	0
EDLC 623 (B-Term)	3
EDLC 554 (B-Term)[1,2]	3
EDSP 522 (D-Term)	3
Total	9

Fourth Semester
EDSP 688 (A-Term)[1, 2]	0
EDGT 580 (B-Term)[1, 3]	0
EDLC 530 (B-Term)	3
EDSP 525 (B-Term)[1,2]	3
Total	6

Fifth Semester
EDLC 571 (B-Term)	3
EDSP 529	3
EDUC or EDSP Elective	3
Total	9

Sixth Semester
EDST 56_ (A-Term)[1, 2]	3
EDST 587 (B-Term)[1, 2]	3
Total	6

Notes
[1]Should not be taken during the summer semester
[2]Background check clearance required
[3]Should be taken the semester before student teaching