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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Elementary Education Cognate (45 hour)
Special Education General Curriculum (K-6) Add-On
2020-2021 Degree Completion Plan

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 with endorsements in Elementary Education and Special Education General Curriculum (K-6).

INITIAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)		**Hrs**	**Sem**	**Grade**
EDUC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning	3		
EDUC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3		
EDUC 606	Tests & Measurements	3		
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3		

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)				
EDUC 530	Teaching Mathematics[1,2]	3		
EDUC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition[2,3]	3		
EDUC 634	Teaching Science in Elementary School	3		
EDUC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School	3		

SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES (9 hours)				
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3		
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3		
EDSP 525	Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners[2,4]	3		

PROFESSIONAL COURSES (6 hours)				
EDUC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals[5]	3		
EDUC 632	Literacy & Language Instruction	3		

GATE & FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)				
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II[2,4]	0		
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		
EDUC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I[2,3]	0		
EDUC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II[1, 2]	0		

STUDENT TEACHING (6 hours)				
EDST 586	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar - Elementary	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

EDST 590	Student Teaching Local[2,5,6]	3		
EDST 591	Student Teaching Local – Own Classroom[2,6]	3		
EDST 592	Student Teaching External[2,6]	3		
EDST 593	Student Teaching External – Own Classroom[2,6]	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+ & 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
Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Please refer to the Elementary Content Competency Chart
[1]EDUC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 688
[2]Background check clearance required (EDUC 530, 554, 588, 688; EDST 590, 591, 592, 593; EDSP 525, 688)
[3]EDUC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 588
[4]EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688
[5]**International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDUC 571 and EDST 590 to count as part of their residency requirement
[6]Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, 591, 592 or 593. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application
Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester
EDGT 520 (B-Term)		0
EDGT 560 (D-Term)		0
EDUC 504 (B-Term)		3
EDUC 510 (D-Term)		3
EDUC 623 (D-Term)		3
	Total	9

Second Semester
EDUC 554 (B-Term)[1,2]		3
EDUC 588 (A-Term)[1,2]		0
EDUC 606 (D-Term)		3
EDUC 632 (D-Term)		3
	Total	9

Third Semester
EDSP 521 (B-Term)		3
EDUC 634 (B-Term)		3
EDUC 636 (D-Term)		3
	Total	9

Fourth Semester
EDUC 530 (B-Term)[1,2]		3
EDUC 571 (D-Term)		3
EDUC 688 (A-Term)[1,2]		0
	Total	6

Fifth Semester
EDGT 580 (A-Term)[1,2,3]		0
EDSP 524 (D-Term)		3
EDSP 525 (A-Term)[1,2]		
EDSP 688 (A-Term)[1,2]		0
Total		6

Sixth Semester
EDST 586 (B-Term)[1,2]		3
EDST 59_ (A-Term)[1,2]		3
	Total	6

Notes
[1]Course should not be taken in the summer semester
[2]Background check clearance required
[3]Course should be taken the semester before student teaching