

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.

<b><u>CORE COURSES (15 hours)</u></b>		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
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	_____	_____
<b><u>EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (15 hours)</u></b>				
EDSP 519	Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities	3	_____	_____
EDSP 534	Individualized Programming & Curriculum <sup>1,2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition	3	_____	_____
EDUC 651	Literacy & Language for Diverse Learners <sup>2,3</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 670	Curriculum & Methods for Early Childhood	3	_____	_____
<b><u>GATE &amp; FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)</u></b>				
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>5</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDSP 588	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education I <sup>1,2</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II <sup>2,3</sup>	0	_____	_____
<b><u>STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)</u></b>				
EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>				
EDST 590	Student Teaching: Local <sup>2,4,5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDST 591	Student Teaching: Local – Own Classroom <sup>2,4,5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDST 592	Student Teaching: External <sup>2,4,5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDST 593	Student Teaching: External – Own Classroom <sup>2,4,5</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>36</b>		

**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

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**Notes**

- All applicable prerequisites must be met
  - <sup>1</sup>EDSP 534 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 588
  - <sup>2</sup>Background check clearance required (EDSP 534, 588, 688, EDST 587, 590, 591, 592, 593, EDUC 651)
  - <sup>3</sup>EDUC 651 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688
  - <sup>4</sup>International 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
  - <sup>5</sup>Candidates 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**

<u>First Semester</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
EDGT 520 (B-Term)	0	EDSP 519 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 504 (B-Term)	3	EDSP 622 (B-Term)	3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0	EDUC 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) <sup>1, 2</sup>	0	EDGT 580 (A-Term) <sup>1, 3</sup>	0
EDSP 534 (B-Term) <sup>2</sup>	3	EDSP 688 (A-Term) <sup>1, 2</sup>	0
EDUC 623 (B-Term)	3	EDUC 651 (B-Term) <sup>1, 2</sup>	3
EDSP 522 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	EDUC 670 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	6

<u>Fifth Semester</u>	
EDST 59_ (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