

After completion of the required program coursework (including student teaching in required endorsement area), content competencies (if applicable), and the passing of the licensure tests, the graduate of this program would be eligible for a VA state teaching license with endorsements in Special Education Adapted Curriculum (K-12), CTE-Transition & Special Needs, and Early Childhood Special Education (0-5 years).

CORE COURSES (15 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDSP 522	Special Education & Disability Law	3	_____	_____
EDSP 622	Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education	3	_____	_____
EDLC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning	3	_____	_____
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3	_____	_____

ADAPTED CURRICULUM & EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION CONCENTRATION (24 hours)

EDSP 519	Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities	3	_____	_____
EDSP 525	Transition & Assessment for Exceptional Learners ¹	3	_____	_____
EDSP 529	Employment, Community, & Independent Living	3	_____	_____
EDSP 534	Individualized Programming & Curriculum ²	3	_____	_____
EDLC 651	Language & literacy for Diverse Populations	3	_____	_____

Early Childhood Courses

EDEC 670	Curriculum & Methods for Early Childhood Education	3	_____	_____
EDLC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition	3	_____	_____

Multiple Endorsement Courses

EDGT 585	School of Education Gate 3 – Multiple Endorsements ^{3,4,5}	0	_____	_____
	^{4,6}	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 ^{3,5}	0	_____	_____
EDSP 588	Practicum in Special Education I ^{2,4}	0	_____	_____
EDSP 688	Practicum in Special Education II ^{1,4}	0	_____	_____

STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)

EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education ⁴	3	_____	_____
	^{4,5,7}	3	_____	_____

TOTAL HOURS 45

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Please refer to the Elementary/Middle Content Competency Chart

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

¹EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

²EDSP 534 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 588

³Candidates should enroll in the Gate 3 course the semester prior to desired student teaching semester. If a Fall student teaching semester is desired, candidates should enroll in the Gate 3 course during the prior Spring semester. If a Spring student teaching semester is desired, candidates should enroll in the Gate 3 course during the previous Fall semester. These courses are not offered in Summer terms.

⁴Background check clearance required (EDGT 585, EDSP 588, 688, EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 587)

⁵Candidates 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 580/585

⁶Candidates will be assigned one of the following courses: EDST 566, 567, 568, or 569

⁷**International candidates** seeking a “student visa” to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, or 569 to count as part of their residency requirement

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

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

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester		Second Semester	
EDGT 520 (B-Term)	0	EDSP 519 (B-Term)	3
EDLC 504 (B-Term)	3	EDLC 554 (B-Term)	3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0	EDLC 651 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
EDSP 521 (D-Term)	3	Total	9
EDSP 622 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>		
Total	9		

Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
EDSP 588 (A-Term) ^{1,2}	0	EDSP 688 (A-Term) ^{1,2}	0
EDSP 534 (B-Term) ¹	3	EDGT 580 (B-Term) ¹	0
EDLC 623 (B-Term)	3	EDSP 525 (B-Term) ¹	3
EDSP 522 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	EDSP 529 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	6

Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester	
EDGT 585 (A-Term) ^{1,2}	0	EDST Elective (A-Term) ³	3
EDST 587 (A-Term) ^{1,2}	3	EDEC 670 (B-Term)	<u>3</u>
EDST 56_ (A-Term) ²	<u>3</u>	Total	6
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³Candidates will be assigned one of the following courses: EDST 566, 567, 568, or 569