

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 |
|----------|---|------------|------------|--------------|
| 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 | | |

GENERAL CURRICULUM & ADAPTED CURRICULUM CONCENTRATION (30 hours)

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| 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 | | |

Special Education General Curriculum Courses

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| EDSP 524 | Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms | 3 | | |
| EDLC 530 | Teaching Mathematics | 3 | | |
| EDLC 554 | Foundations in Early Literacy Instruction ³ | 3 | | |
| EDLC 571 | Curriculum Fundamentals | 3 | | |

Multiple Endorsement Courses

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| EDGT 585 | School of Education Gate 3 – Multiple Endorsements ^{4,5,6} | 0 | | |
| EDLC 588 | Practicum in Education I ^{3,5} | 0 | | |
| | | 3 | | |

GATE & FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)

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| 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 ^{4,6} | 0 | | |
| EDSP 588 | Practicum in Special Education I ^{2,5} | 0 | | |
| EDSP 688 | Practicum in Special Education II ^{1,5} | 0 | | |

STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)

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| EDST 587 | The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education ² | 3 | | |
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TOTAL HOURS 51

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

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

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

³EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

⁴Candidates 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.

⁵Background check clearance required (EDGT 585, EDSP 588, 688, EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, and EDLC 588)

⁶Candidates 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

⁷Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 566, 567, 568, or 569
Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page

Graduation Requirements

Complete 51 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

| <u>First Semester</u> | | <u>Second Semester</u> | |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| EDGT 520 (B-Term) | 0 | EDLC 588 (A-Term) ^{1,2} | 0 |
| EDLC 504 (B-Term) | 3 | EDSP 519 (B-Term) | 3 |
| EDGT 560 (D-Term) | 0 | EDLC 554 (B-Term) ¹ | 3 |
| EDSP 521 (D-Term) | 3 | EDLC 530 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> |
| EDSP 622 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> | Total | 9 |
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| <u>Third Semester</u> | | <u>Fourth Semester</u> | |
| 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 524 (B-Term) | 3 |
| EDSP 522 (D-Term) | 3 | EDSP 525 (B-Term) ¹ | 3 |
| EDLC 651 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> | EDLC 529 (D-Term) | <u>3</u> |
| Total | 12 | Total | 9 |
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| <u>Fifth Semester</u> | | <u>Sixth Semester</u> | |
| EDGT 585 (A-Term) ² | 0 | EDST Elective (A-Term) ^{2,3} | 3 |
| EDST 587 (A-Term) ¹ | 3 | EDLC 571 (B-Term) | <u>3</u> |
| EDST 56_ (A-Term) ^{1,2} | <u>3</u> | Total | 6 |
| Total | 6 | | |

Notes

¹Course should not be taken during summer semester

²Background check clearance required

³Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 566, 567, 568, or 569