

LIBERTY

UNIVERSITY.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)

Special Education Cognate

[General Curriculum Endorsement]

2018-2019 Degree Completion Plan

Upon completion of this program plan, initial license/experience, and passing the required Virginia assessments, you will be eligible for a Virginia license in this program's area of endorsement. Refer to www.liberty.edu/advisingguide

INITIAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)

		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
EDUC 500	Learning Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 504	Historical & Philosophical Foundations of Education ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDUC 606	Tests & Measurements	3	_____	_____

SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)

EDUC 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3	_____	_____
EDUC 525	Collaborating for Successful Transitions	3	_____	_____
EDUC 622	Educational Assessment & Intervention ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management ¹	3	_____	_____

PROFESSIONAL COURSES (12 hours)

EDUC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition ^{2,3}	3	_____	_____
EDUC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals ^{4,5}	3	_____	_____
EDUC 59_	Student Teaching ^{2,4,6}	3	_____	_____

TOTAL HOURS 36

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 Graduation Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program offered in Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Intensive Format optional

²Background check clearance required (EDUC 554, 590, 591, 592, 593)

³Prerequisite of EDUC 524 and admission to EPP (Gate 2).

⁴**International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDUC 571 and 590 to count as part of their residency requirement

⁵EDUC 571 to be taken the semester directly before or during student teaching

⁶Students will be assigned either EDUC 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

<u>First Semester (Fall)</u>		<u>Second Semester (Winter)¹</u>	
EDUC 500 (B-Term)	3	EDUC 623 ²	<u>3</u>
EDUC 521 (D-Term)	3	Total	3
EDUC 524 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>		
Total	9		
 <u>Third Semester (Spring)³</u>		 <u>Fourth Semester (Summer)</u>	
EDUC 554 ^{4,5,6} (B-Term)	3	EDUC 525 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 606 (B-Term)	3	EDUC 504 ²	3
EDUC 530 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	EDUC 622 ²	<u>3</u>
Total	9	Total	9
 <u>Fifth Semester (Fall)</u>			
EDUC 59 ^{4,7} (A-Term)	3		
EDUC 571 ⁸ (B-Term)	<u>3</u>		
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Notes

¹Submit Gate 2 and Content Competencies; Register for Praxis II (Subject Assessment) and VCLA

²Intensive Format optional

³Submit Gate 3 application by 2/1 for fall Student Teaching or 9/1 for spring Student Teaching

⁴Background check clearance required (EDUC 554, 590, 591, 592, 593)

⁵At conclusion of EDUC 554 register for RVE

⁶EDUC 554 offered in B-Term only. Prerequisite of EDUC 656 and admission to EPP (Gates 2)

⁷Students will be assigned either EDUC 590, 591, 592 or 593. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

⁸EDUC 571 must be taken directly before or during student teaching

Adding a content endorsement (elementary and/or secondary) is **STRONGLY** recommended. A content endorsement is required in some states for special Education license. Must meet content competencies and pass Praxis II (Subject Assessment).

Additional courses required for **dual endorsement**

Elementary Education: EDUC 531, 539, 599, 632 & 656

Secondary Education: EDUC 539, 599, 625, 656 & 673

According to the Virginia Department of Education, an individual who holds a teaching license may add an additional endorsement to the license by passing Praxis II (Subject Assessment). (This testing option does not apply to individuals who seeking an elementary education endorsement.)