

LIBERTY

UNIVERSITY.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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

Special Education Cognate

[General Curriculum Endorsement]

2019-2020 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.

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	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 ^{1,2}	3	_____	_____
EDUC 622	Educational Assessment & Intervention	3	_____	_____
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3	_____	_____

PROFESSIONAL COURSES (12 hours)

EDSP 688	Practicum in Special Education II: External ^{1,2}	0	_____	_____
EDUC 530	Teaching Mathematics ²	3	_____	_____
EDUC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition ^{2,3,4}	3	_____	_____
EDUC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals ^{5,6}	3	_____	_____
EDUC 588	Practicum in Education I: External ^{2,4}	0	_____	_____
EDUC 59_	Student Teaching ^{2,5,7}	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 Degree Completion 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

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

²Background check clearance required (EDUC 525, 530, 554, 588, 590, 591, 592, 593, EDSP 688)

³Prerequisite of EDUC 524 and Gate 2 approved

⁴EDUC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 588

⁵**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

⁶EDUC 571 to be taken the semester directly before or during student teaching

⁷Candidates 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 Semester¹</u>		<u>Second Semester</u>	
EDUC 500 (B-Term)	3	EDUC 588 (A-Term) ²	0
EDUC 521 (D-Term)	3	EDUC 554 (B-Term) ^{2, 3, 4, 5}	3
EDUC 623 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	EDUC 524 (D-Term)	3
Total	9	EDUC 606 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
		Total	9

<u>Third Semester⁶</u>		<u>Fourth Semester</u>	
EDSP 688 (A-Term) ⁷	0	EDUC 530 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 525 (B-Term) ⁷	3	EDUC 622 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
EDUC 504 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	Total	6
Total	6		

<u>Fifth Semester</u>	
EDUC 59_ (A-Term) ⁸	3
EDUC 571 (D-Term) ⁹	<u>3</u>
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Notes

¹Submit Gate 2 Background Check and Content Competencies; Register for VCLA and take Praxis Core

²EDUC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 588

³At conclusion of EDUC 554 register for RVE: Elementary and Special Education Praxis

⁴EDUC 554 offered in B-Term only. Prerequisite of EDUC 623 and Gate 2 approval.

⁵EDUC 554 should not be taken during the summer

⁶Register for the Praxis Subject Assessment. Submit Gate 3 application by 2/1 for fall Student Teaching or 9/1 for spring Student Teaching

⁷EDUC 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

⁸Candidates will be assigned either EDUC 590, 591, 592 or 593. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

⁹EDUC 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 Subject Assessment.

Additional courses required for **dual endorsement**

Elementary Education: EDUC 539, 599, 632, 634, 636, & 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 Subject Assessment. This testing option does not apply to individuals who are seeking an elementary education endorsement.