# LIBERTY
## U N I V E R S I T Y.
## THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

**Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)**
*Elementary Education Cognate (45 hour)*
*Special Education General Curriculum (K-6) Add-On*
2022-2023 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 with endorsements in Elementary Education (PreK-6) and Special Education General Curriculum (K-6).

| | | Hrs | Sem | Grade |
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| **INITIAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)** | | | | |
| EDLC 504 | Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning | 3 | | |
| EDLC 510 | Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners | 3 | | |
| EDLC 606 | Tests & Measurements | 3 | | |
| EDLC 623 | Principles of Behavior Management | 3 | | |
| **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)** | | | | |
| EDLC 530 | Teaching Mathematics[1,2] | 3 | | |
| EDLC 554 | Reading & Language Acquisition[2,3] | 3 | | |
| EDLC 634 | Teaching Science in Elementary School | 3 | | |
| EDLC 636 | Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School | 3 | | |
| **SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES (9 hours)** | | | | |
| EDSP 521 | Foundations of Exceptionality | 3 | | |
| EDSP 524 | Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms | 3 | | |
| EDSP 525 | Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners[2,4] | 3 | | |
| **PROFESSIONAL COURSES (6 hours)** | | | | |
| EDLC 571 | Curriculum Fundamentals[5] | 3 | | |
| EDLC 632 | Literacy & Language Instruction | 3 | | |
| **GATE & FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)** | | | | |
| EDSP 545 | Practicum in Special Educ. for Add On Endorsement – Elem.[2,4] | 0 | | |
| 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 | 0 | | |
| EDLC 588 | Initial Licensure Practicum I[2,3] | 0 | | |
| EDLC 688 | Initial Licensure Practicum II[1,2] | 0 | | |
| **STUDENT TEACHING (6 hours)** | | | | |
| EDST 586 | The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar - Elementary | 3 | | |
| *Choose one of the following courses:* | | | | |
| EDST 590 | Student Teaching Local[2,5,6] | 3 | | |
| EDST 591 | Student Teaching Local – Own Classroom[2,6] | 3 | | |
| EDST 592 | Student Teaching External[2,6] | 3 | | |
| EDST 593 | Student Teaching External – Own Classroom[2,6] | 3 | | |

**TOTAL HOURS 45**

**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+ & 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**

**Notes**
*All applicable prerequisites must be met*
All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching, and candidates should not plan to take practicum courses in summer terms.
Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Please refer to the Elementary Content Competency Chart
[1]EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688
[2]Background check clearance required (EDLC 530, 554, 588, 688; EDST 590, 591, 592, 593; EDSP 525, 545)
[3]EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588
[4]EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 545
[5]**International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDLC 571 and EDST 590 to count as part of their residency requirement
[6]Candidates will be assigned either EDST 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

First Semester

| | |
|---|---|
| EDGT 520 (B-Term) | 0 |
| EDLC 504 (B-Term) | 3 |
| EDGT 560 (D-Term) | 0 |
| EDLC 510 (D-Term) | 3 |
| EDLC 623 (D-Term) | 3 |
| Total | 9 |

Second Semester

| | |
|---|---|
| EDLC 588 (A-Term)[1,2] | 0 |
| EDLC 554 (B-Term)[1,2] | 3 |
| EDLC 606 (D-Term) | 3 |
| EDLC 632 (D-Term) | 3 |
| Total | 9 |

Third Semester

| | |
|---|---|
| EDSP 521 (B-Term) | 3 |
| EDLC 634 (B-Term) | 3 |
| EDLC 636 (D-Term) | 3 |
| Total | 9 |

Fourth Semester

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|---|---|
| EDLC 688 (A-Term)[1,2] | 0 |
| EDLC 530 (B-Term)[1,2] | 3 |
| EDLC 571 (D-Term) | 3 |
| Total | 6 |

Fifth Semester

| | |
|---|---|
| EDSP 525 (A-Term)[1,2] | 3 |
| EDSP 545 (A-Term)[1,2] | 0 |
| EDGT 580 (B-Term)[1,2,3] | 0 |
| EDSP 524 (D-Term) | 3 |
| Total | 6 |

Sixth Semester

| | |
|---|---|
| EDST 586 (A-Term)[1,2] | 3 |
| EDST 59_ (A-Term)[1,2] | 3 |
| Total | 6 |

**Notes**

[1]Course should not be taken in the summer semester

[2]Background check clearance required

[3]Course should be taken the semester before student teaching