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UNIVERSITY.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Middle Grades Education (6-8) Cognate
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.

INITIAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
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		

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)

EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals[1]	3		
EDLC 632	Literacy & Language Instruction	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

EDUC 601	Professional Development in Middle Grades Education	3		
EDUC 602	Young Adolescents, Schools & Communities	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

EDUC 635	Teaching Science in the Middle School	3		
EDUC 637	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle School	3		
EDUC 668	Mathematics Instruction & Learning for K-8	3		
EDUC 669	Literacy for Middle Level Learners	3		

PROFESSIONAL COURSES (6 hours)

EDLC 625	Content Instructional Procedures[2,3]	3		
EDLC 656	Literacy Across the Curriculum[2,4]	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	0		
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I[2,4]	0		
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II[2,3]	0		

STUDENT TEACHING (6 hours)

EDST 585	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Middle/Secondary	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

EDST 590	Student Teaching Local[1,2,5]	3		
EDST 591	Student Teaching Local – Own Classroom[2,5]	3		
EDST 592	Student Teaching External[2,5]	3		
EDST 593	Student Teaching External – Own Classroom[2,5]	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

Offered in Online Format

Notes
All applicable prerequisites must be met
Refer to the Middle Grades Education Content Competency Chart. Competencies must be met prior to student teaching
[1]**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
[2]Background check clearance required (EDLC 588, 625, 656, 688; EDST 590, 591, 592, 593)
[3]EDLC 625 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688
[4]EDLC 656 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588
[5]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
EDLC 510 (D-Term)	3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0
EDLC 623 (D-Term)	3
Total	9

Second Semester

EDLC 588 (A-Term)[1,2]	0
EDLC 606 (B-Term)	3
EDLC 656 (B-Term)[1,2]	3
Elective (D-Term)[3]	3
Total	9

Third Semester

EDUC 601 or 602 (B or D Term)[4]	3
EDLC 632 (B or D Term)	3
Total	6

Fourth Semester

EDGT 580 (A-Term)[1,2,5]	0
EDLC 688 (A-Term)[1,2]	0
EDLC 625 (B-Term)[1,2]	3
EDLC 571 (D-Term)	3
Total	6

Fifth Semester

EDST 59_ (A-Term)[1,2]	3
EDST 585 (B-term)[1,2]	3
Total	6

Notes

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

[2]Background check clearance required

[3]Choose one course from the following: EDUC 635, 637, 668, or 669

[4]EDUC 601 offered in B-term only, EDUC 602 offered in D-term only

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