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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education (M.A.T.)
Special Education General Curriculum 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.

CORE COURSES (15 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDLC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning	3		
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3		
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3		
EDSP 522	Special Education & Disability Law	3		
EDSP 622	Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education	3		

SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM COGNATE (15 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3		
EDLC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition[1,2]	3		
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3		
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3		
EDSP 525	Transition & Assessment for Exceptional Learners[2,3]	3		

GATE & FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
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]	0		
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I[1,2]	0		
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II[2,3]	0		

STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education[2]	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDST 590	Student Teaching: Local[2,4,5]	3		
EDST 591	Student Teaching: Local – Own Classroom[2,4,5]	3		
EDST 592	Student Teaching: External[2,4,5]	3		
EDST 593	Student Teaching: External – Own Classroom[2,4,5]	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
[1] EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588
[2] Background check clearance required (EDLC 554, 588, EDSP 525, 688, EDST 587, 590, 591, 592, 593)
[3] EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688
[4] Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, 591, 592, or 593. Course and section number will be designated during EDGT 580
[5] **International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDST 590, 591, 592, or 593 to count as part of their residency requirement
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
EDSP 521 (D-Term)	3
Total	6

Second Semester

EDSP 622 (B-Term)	3
EDLC 530 (D-Term)	3
EDSP 524 (D-Term)	3
Total	9

Third Semester

EDLC 588 (A-Term)[1, 2]	0
EDLC 554 (B-Term)[2]	3
EDLC 623 (B-Term)	3
EDSP 522 (D-Term)	3
Total	9

Fourth Semester

EDGT 580 (A-Term)[1, 3]	0
EDSP 688 (A-Term)[1, 2]	0
EDSP 525 (B-Term)[2]	3
EDLC 571 (D-Term)	3
Total	6

Fifth Semester

EDST 59_ (A-Term)[1, 2]	3
EDST 587 (B-Term)[1, 2]	3
Total	6

Notes

[1]Should not be taken during the summer semester

[2]Background check clearance required

[3]Should be taken the semester before student teaching