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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education (M.A.T.)
General Curriculum Cognate (45 hour)
Career and Technical Education – Transition and Special Needs
(Add-On Endorsement)
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 Special Education General Curriculum and Career and Technical Education – Transition and Special Needs (Add-On).

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	_____	_____

GENERAL CURRICULUM COGNATE (24 hours)

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	_____	_____
EDSP 529	Employment, Community, & Independent Living	3	_____	_____
_____	Education or Special Education Elective[4]	3	_____	_____
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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[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)

EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education[2]	3	_____	_____

Choose one of the following courses:

EDST 590	Student Teaching: Local[2,5,6]	3	_____	_____
EDST 591	Student Teaching: Local – Own Classroom[2,5,6]	3	_____	_____
EDST 592	Student Teaching: External[2,5,6]	3	_____	_____
EDST 593	Student Teaching: External – Own Classroom[2,5,6]	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+ & 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

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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 (EDSP 525, 554, 588, 688, EDST 587, 590, 591, 592, 593)
[3] EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688
[4] Choose a 500-600 level EDUC or EDSP course not already applying to the degree
[5] Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, 591, 592, or 593. Course and section number will be designated during EDGT 580
[6] **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

Effective: Catalog Term 2022-40

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester

EDGT 520 (B-Term)	3
EDLC 504 (B-Term)	0
EDSP 521 (D-Term)	3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0
Total	6

Second Semester

EDSP 622 (B-Term)	3
EDUC or EDSP Elective	3
EDSP 524 (D-Term)	3
Total	9

Third Semester

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

Fourth Semester

EDGT 580 (A-Term)[1,3]	0
EDSP 688 (A-Term)[1,2]	0
EDLC 530 (B-Term)	3
EDSP 525 (B-Term)	3
Total	6

Fifth Semester

EDLC 571 (B-Term)	3
EDSP 529	3
EDUC or EDSP Elective	3
Total	9

Sixth 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