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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Elementary Education Cognate
2023-2024 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		

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		

PROFESSIONAL COURSES (6 hours)				
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals[4]	3		
EDLC 632	Literacy & Language Instruction	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[2,3]	0		
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II[1,2]	0		

STUDENT TEACHING (6 hours)				
EDST 586	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Elem.	3		
	[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+ & 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
Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Please refer to the Elementary/Middle Content Competency Chart
All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching, and students should not complete practicum courses during the summer semester
[1]EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688
[2]Background check clearance required (EDLC 530, 554, 588, 688; EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, or 569)
[3]EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588
[4]**International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDLC 571 and EDST 561 and 563 to count as part of their residency requirement
[5]Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, or 569. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

Effective: Catalog Term 2023-40

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

Third Semester

EDLC 634 (B-Term)	3
EDLC 636 (D-Term)	3
Total	6

Fourth Semester

EDLC 688 (A-Term)[1,2]	0
EDGT 580 (B-Term)[1,2,3]	0
EDLC 530 (B-Term)[1,2]	3
EDLC 571 (D-Term)	3
Total	6

Fifth Semester

EDST 56_ (A-Term)[1,2]	3
EDST 586 (B-Term)[1,2]	3
Total	6

Notes

[1]Course should not be taken during the summer semester
[2]Background check clearance required
[3]Course should be taken the semester before student teaching

According to the Virginia Department of Education, an individual who holds an
Elementary teaching license may add an additional endorsement to the license
by passing Praxis Subject Assessment. This testing option does not apply to individuals
seeking a special education endorsement.