

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

Early Childhood Special 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.

CORE COURSES (15 hours)		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
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		
EARLY CHIL	LDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (15 hours)			
EDEC 670	Curriculum & Methods for Early Childhood Education	3		
EDLC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition	3		
EDLC 651	Literacy & Language for Diverse Populations ^{1,2}	3		
EDSP 519	Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities	3		
EDSP 534	Individualized Programming & Curriculum ^{1,3}	3		
GATE & FIE	LD 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		
EDSP 588	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education I ^{1,3}	0		
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education $\Pi^{1,2}$	0		
STUDENT TI	EACHING COURSES (6 hours)			
EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education ¹	3		
	1,4,5	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

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching, and students should not complete practicum courses during the summer semester

¹Background check clearance required (EDLC 651, EDSP 534, 588, 688, EDST 587, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, or 569)

²EDLC 651 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

³EDSP 534 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 588

⁴Candidates 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

⁵International candidates seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDST 561 and 563 to count as part of their residency requirement Suggested Course Sequence on second page

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester			Second Semester		
EDGT 520 (B-Term)		0	EDSP 519 (B-Term)		3
EDLC 504 (B-Term)		3	EDSP 622 (B-Term)		3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)		0	EDLC 554 (D-Term)		<u>3</u> 9
EDSP 521 (D-Term)		<u>3</u>		Total	9
	Total	6			
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
EDSP 588 (A-Term) ^{1,2}		0	EDSP 688 (A-Term) ^{1, 2}		0
EDSP 534 (B-Term) ^{1,2}		3	EDGT 580 (B-Term) ^{1,3}		0
EDLC 623 (B-Term)		3	EDLC 651 (B-Term) ^{1, 2}		3
EDSP 522 (D-Term)		<u>3</u>	EDEC 670 (D-Term)		<u>3</u>
	Total	9		Total	6
Fifth Semester					
EDST 56_ (A-Term) ^{1, 2}		3			
EDST 587 (B-Term) ^{1,2}		<u>3</u>			
,	Total	6			

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³Should be taken the semester before student teaching