

After completion of the required program coursework (including student teaching in *each* endorsement area), content competencies (if applicable), and the passing of the licensure tests, the graduate of this program would be eligible for a VA state teaching license with endorsements in Special Education General Curriculum (K-12) and Early Childhood Special Education (0-5 years).

<b>CORE COURSES (15 hours)</b>		<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Sem</b>	<b>Grade</b>
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDSP 522	Special Education & Disability Law	3	_____	_____
EDSP 622	Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education	3	_____	_____
EDLC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning	3	_____	_____
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3	_____	_____
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION &amp; GENERAL CURRICULUM CONCENTRATION (30 hours)</b>				
EDEC 670	Curriculum & Methods for Early Childhood Education	3	_____	_____
EDSP 519	Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities	3	_____	_____
EDSP 534	Individualized Programming & Curriculum <sup>1,2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDLC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition <sup>2,3</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDLC 651	Language & literacy for Diverse Populations	3	_____	_____
<i>Special Education General Curriculum Courses</i>				
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3	_____	_____
EDSP 525	Transition & Assessment for Exceptional Learners <sup>2,4</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3	_____	_____
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3	_____	_____
<i>Multiple Endorsement Courses</i>				
EDGT 585	School of Education Gate 3 – Multiple Endorsements <sup>2,5</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDLC 588	Practicum in Education I <sup>2,3</sup>	0	_____	_____
_____ 6		3	_____	_____
<b>GATE &amp; FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)</b>				
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 <sup>5</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDSP 588	Practicum in Special Education I <sup>1,2</sup>	0	_____	_____
EDSP 688	Practicum in Special Education II <sup>2,4</sup>	0	_____	_____
<b>STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)</b>				
EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education	3	_____	_____
_____ 2,7,8		3	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>51</b>		

**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

<sup>1</sup>EDSP 534 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 588

<sup>2</sup>Background check clearance required (EDGT 585, EDSP 525, 534, 588, 688, EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, EDLC 554 and 588)

<sup>3</sup>EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

<sup>4</sup>EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

<sup>5</sup>Candidates should enroll in the Gate 3 course the semester prior to desired student teaching semester. If a Fall student teaching semester is desired, candidates should enroll in the Gate 3 course during the prior Spring semester. If a Spring student teaching semester is desired, candidates should enroll in the Gate 3 course during the previous Fall semester. These courses are not offered in Summer terms.

<sup>6</sup>Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 566, 567, 568, or 569

<sup>7</sup>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 EDGT 580/585.

<sup>8</sup>International 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*

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 51 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**

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

First Semester		Second Semester	
EDGT 520 (B-Term)	0	EDLC 588 (A-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	0
EDLC 504 (B-Term)	3	EDSP 519 (B-Term)	3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0	EDLC 554 (B-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDSP 521 (D-Term)	3	EDEC 670 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
EDSP 622 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	Total	9
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Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
EDSP 588 (A-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	0	EDSP 688 (A-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	0
EDSP 534 (B-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	3	EDGT 580 (B-Term)	0
EDLC 623 (B-Term)	3	EDSP 524 (B-Term)	3
EDSP 522 (D-Term)	3	EDSP 525 (B-Term) <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDLC 651 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>	EDLC 530 (D-Term)	<u>3</u>
Total	12	Total	9

Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester	
EDGT 585 (A-Term) <sup>2</sup>	0	EDST Elective (A-Term) <sup>2,3</sup>	3
EDST 587 (A-Term)	3	EDLC 571 (B-Term)	<u>3</u>
EDST 56_ (A-Term) <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>	Total	6
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<sup>2</sup>Background check clearance required (EDGT 585, EDSP 525, 534, 588, 688, EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, EDLC 554 and 588)

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