

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

General Curriculum and Adapted Curriculum Concentration with CTE-Transition and Special Needs (Add-On Endorsement)

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

After completion of the required program coursework (including student teaching in required 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), Special Education Adapted Curriculum (K-12), and CTE-Transition & Special Needs.

CORE COURSES (15 hours)			<u>Sem</u>	Grade					
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3	<u> </u>						
EDSP 522	Special Education & Disability Law	3							
EDSP 622	Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education	3	<u> </u>						
EDLC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning	3							
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3							
GENERAL CURRICULUM & ADAPTED CURRICULUM CONCENTRATION (30 hours)									
EDSP 519	Characteristics & Medical Aspects of Severe Disabilities	3							
EDSP 525	Transition & Assessment for Exceptional Learners ¹	3							
EDSP 529	Employment, Community, & Independent Living	3							
EDSP 534	Individualized Programming & Curriculum ²	3							
EDLC 651	Language & literacy for Diverse Populations	3							
Special Education	n General Curriculum Courses								
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3							
	Teaching Mathematics	3							
EDLC 530		3							
EDLC 554	Reading & Language Acquisition ³								
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3							
Multiple Endorse	ment Courses								
EDGT 585	School of Education Gate 3 – Multiple Endorsements ^{4,5,6}	0							
EDLC 588	Practicum in Education I ^{3,5}	0							
	5,7	3							
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EDGT 520	D EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours) School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure	0							
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EDGT 560	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure	0							
EDGT 580	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure ^{4,6}	0							
EDSP 588	Practicum in Special Education I ^{2,5}	0							
EDSP 688	Practicum in Special Education II ^{1,5}	0							
STUDENT TEACHING COURSES (6 hours)									
EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education ²	3							
	5,6,8	3							
	TOTAL HOURS	51							

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

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

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¹EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

²EDSP 534 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 588

³EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

⁴Candidates 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.

⁵Background check clearance required (EDGT 585, EDSP 588, 688, EDST 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, and EDLC 588)

⁶Candidates 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

⁷Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 566, 567, 568, or 569
⁸International 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

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester EDGT 520 (B-Term) EDLC 504 (B-Term) EDGT 560 (D-Term) EDSP 521 (D-Term) EDSP 622 (D-Term)	Total	0 3 0 3 3 3 9	Second Semester EDLC 588 (A-Term) ^{1,2} EDSP 519 (B-Term) EDLC 554 (B-Term) ¹ EDLC 530 (D-Term) Total	0 3 3 3 9
Third Semester EDSP 588 (A-Term) ^{1,2} EDSP 534 (B-Term) ¹ EDLC 623 (B-Term) EDSP 522 (D-Term) EDLC 651 (D-Term)	Total	0 3 3 3 3 12	Fourth Semester EDSP 688 (A-Term) ^{1,2} EDGT 580 (B-Term) ¹ EDSP 524 (B-Term) EDSP 525 (B-Term) ¹ EDLC 529 (D-Term) Total	0 0 3 3 3 3 9
Fifth Semester EDGT 585 (A-Term) ² EDST 587 (A-Term) ¹ EDST 56_ (A-Term) ^{1,2}	Total	0 3 3 6	Sixth Semester EDST Elective (A-Term) ^{2,3} EDLC 571 (B-Term) Total	3 3 6

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 $^{^1\!\!}$ Course should not be taken during summer semester

²Background check clearance required

³Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 566, 567, 568, or 569