

# CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION (M.ED.) - SPECIAL EDUCATION (NON-LICENSURE)

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

This is a non-licensure degree and is not a state-approved program. Completion of this degree will not lead to the eligibility of a VA state teaching license or a teaching license or certificate in any other state. If you would like to be eligible for a VA state teaching license or work through reciprocity guidelines to be eligible for a license or certificate in another state, you must complete one of our state-approved programs. Refer to [www.liberty.edu/advisingguide](http://www.liberty.edu/advisingguide).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Advanced Education Core Courses</b>		
EDUC 604	Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 630	Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement	3
EDUC 671	Curriculum Evaluation	3
EDUC 673	Curriculum and Methods for Effective Instruction	3
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		
EDUC 547	The Differentiated Classroom	3
EDUC 624	Instructional Methods for Behavior and Learning	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>
<b>Special Education Cognate</b>		
EDUC 621	Educational Assessment for Special Needs	3
EDUC 626	Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Assessment	3
EDUC 628	Communication, Language and Sensory Aspects for Autism	3
EDUC 629	Technology and Diversity	3
EDUC 639	Trends and Issues in Educational Technology	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Professional Courses</b>		
EDUC 518	Educational Research and Assessment	3
EDUC 696	Current Issues in Education Capstone	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Gate Courses</b>		
EDGT 674	School of Education Gate 1 – Graduate Non-Licensure	0
EDGT 678	School of Education Gate 2 – Graduate Non-Licensure	0

Code	Title	Hours
EDGT 680	School of Education Gate 3 – Non-Licensure	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0</b>

## Note

- No residency required

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## 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
- 2.5 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

## Program Offered in Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 518	Educational Research and Assessment	3
EDUC 604	Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 621	Educational Assessment for Special Needs	3
EDGT 674	School of Education Gate 1 – Graduate Non-Licensure	0
EDGT 678	School of Education Gate 2 – Graduate Non-Licensure	0
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 547 or EDUC 624	The Differentiated Classroom or Instructional Methods for Behavior and Learning	3
EDUC 626	Characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Assessment	3
EDUC 628	Communication, Language and Sensory Aspects for Autism	3
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 629	Technology and Diversity	3
EDUC 630	Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement	3
EDUC 639	Trends and Issues in Educational Technology	3
EDGT 680	School of Education Gate 3 – Non-Licensure	0
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>9</b>

<b>Course</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 671	Curriculum Evaluation	3
EDUC 673	Curriculum and Methods for Effective Instruction	3
EDUC 696	Current Issues in Education Capstone	3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>36</b>