

TEACHING (M.A.T.) - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (45 HRS.) - SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM (K-6) ADD-ON

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2020 through summer 2021. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

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 with endorsements in Elementary Education and Special Education General Curriculum (K-6).

Code	Title	Hours
Initial Education Core Courses		
EDUC 504	Educational Philosophy and Theories of Learning	3
EDUC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
EDUC 606	Tests and Measurements	3
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3
Total Hours		12

Code	Title	Hours
Elementary Education Cognate		
EDUC 530	Teaching Mathematics ^{1,2}	3
EDUC 554	Reading and Language Acquisition ^{2,3}	3
EDUC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3
EDUC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
Total Hours		12

¹ EDUC 530 Teaching Mathematics (3 c.h.) must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 688 Initial Licensure Practicum II (0 c.h.)

² Background check clearance required (EDUC 530 Teaching Mathematics (3 c.h.), EDUC 554 Reading and Language Acquisition (3 c.h.), EDUC 588 Initial Licensure Practicum I (0 c.h.), EDUC 688 Initial Licensure Practicum II (0 c.h.); EDST 590 Student Teaching Local (3 c.h.), EDST 591 Student Teaching Local – Own Classroom (3 c.h.), EDST 592 Student Teaching External (3 c.h.), EDST 593 Student Teaching External – Own Classroom (3 c.h.); EDSP 525 Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners (3 c.h.), EDSP 688 Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II (0 c.h.))

³ EDUC 554 Reading and Language Acquisition (3 c.h.) must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 588 Initial Licensure Practicum I (0 c.h.)

Code	Title	Hours
Special Education Courses		
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3

Code	Title	Hours
EDSP 525	Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners ^{1,2}	3
Total Hours		9

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² EDSP 525 Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners (3 c.h.) must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688 Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II (0 c.h.)

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Professional Courses		
EDUC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals ¹	3
EDUC 632	Literacy and Language Instruction	3
Total Hours		6

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Gate & Field Experience Courses		
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II ^{1,2}	0
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
EDUC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I ^{1,3}	0
EDUC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II ^{1,4}	0
Total Hours		0

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Code	Title	Hours
Student Teaching		
EDST 586	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar-Elementary	3
Choose one of the following:		3
EDST 590	Student Teaching Local ^{1,2,3}	
EDST 591	Student Teaching Local – Own Classroom ^{1,3}	
EDST 592	Student Teaching External ^{1,3}	
EDST 593	Student Teaching External – Own Classroom ^{1,3}	
Total Hours		6

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Notes

- Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Refer to the Elementary Content Competency Chart.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 45 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

Program Offered in Online Format