

SPECIAL & GIFTED EDUCATION (M.ED.) - TWICE EXCEPTIONALITIES: WITH TRANSITION & SPECIAL NEEDS, GIFTED EDUCATION, & SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM (ADD-ON ENDORSEMENT)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2022 through summer 2023. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Upon completion of this program, candidates who have a current initial license issued by the Virginia Board of Education are eligible for an Add-On Endorsement in Gifted Education and Career & Technical Education: Transition & Special Needs. The Add-On Endorsement in Special Education General Curriculum is an option for those who (a) have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and (b) hold a current teaching license issued by the Virginia Board of Education in one of the following endorsement areas: (a) Elementary Education, (b) Middle Grades Education with endorsement(s) in English, History, Social Sciences, Mathematics, or Science, or (c) Secondary Grades Education with endorsement(s) in English, History, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, or Physics. The Special Education General Curriculum Add-On Endorsement only applies to the grade band of the initial license (e.g., Elementary Education)

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
EDGL 619	Supporting the Social, Emotional, and Guidance Needs of the Gifted	3
EDGL 620	Curriculum and Methods for Teaching Gifted Learners ¹	3
EDGL 627	Program Design and Services in Gifted Education	3
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3
EDLC 554	Reading and Language Acquisition	3
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Candidates will complete a 45 hour practicum requiring a cleared background check.

Code	Title	Hours
Twice-Exceptionalities Concentration		
EDGL 520	Twice-Exceptional Learners	3
EDGL 526	Identification and Education of the Gifted Learner	3
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality ¹	3
EDSP 522	Special Education and Disability Law	3

Code	Title	Hours
EDSP 525	Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners ^{2,3,4}	3
EDSP 529	Employment, Community, and Independent Living	3
Total Hours		18

- ¹ Completion of this course allows candidates to apply for a Provisional License in Special Education in VA.
² Course should not be taken in the summer terms.
³ EDSP 545, EDSP 546, or EDSP 547 should be taken in the same semester as EDSP 525
⁴ If a candidate is not seeking to fulfill the licensure practicum requirement, they may contact soelicensure@liberty.edu for opt out course availabilities.

Code	Title	Hours
Gate & Field Experience Courses		
EDGL 598	Field Experience Practicum: Gifted Learners ^{1,2}	0
EDGT 677	School of Education Gate 1 – Graduate Add-On Licensure	0
EDGT 679	School of Education Gate 2 – Graduate Add-On Licensure	0
EDGT 681	School of Education Gate 3 – Graduate Add-On Licensure	0
<i>Choose one of the following:</i>		<i>0</i>
EDSP 545	Practicum in Special Education for Add-On Endorsement – Elementary ^{1,3,4,5}	
EDSP 546	Practicum in Special Education for Add-On Endorsement – Middle ^{1,3,4,5}	
EDSP 547	Practicum in Special Education for Add-On Endorsement – Secondary ^{1,3,4,5}	
Total Hours		0

- ¹ Candidates will complete a 45 hour practicum requiring a cleared background check.
² EDGL 598 is a co-requisite with EDGL 620
³ Course should not be taken in the summer terms.
⁴ EDSP 545, EDSP 546, or EDSP 547 should be taken in the same semester as EDSP 525
⁵ If a candidate is not seeking to fulfill the licensure practicum requirement, they may contact soelicensure@liberty.edu for opt out course availabilities.

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
- 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

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- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format