

# 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 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.

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     |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| <b>Initial Education Core Courses</b> |   |           |
| EDLC 504                              | Educational Philosophy and Theories of Learning | 3         |
| EDLC 510                              | Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners   | 3         |
| EDLC 606                              | Tests and Measurements                          | 3         |
| EDLC 623                              | Principles of Behavior Management               | 3         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                    |   | <b>12</b> |

| Code                                | Title  | Hours     |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| <b>Elementary Education Cognate</b> |  |           |
| EDLC 530                            | Teaching Mathematics <sup>1,2</sup>              | 3         |
| EDLC 554                            | Reading and Language Acquisition <sup>2,3</sup>  | 3         |
| EDLC 634                            | Teaching Science in the Elementary School        | 3         |
| EDLC 636                            | Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School | 3         |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                  |  | <b>12</b> |

<sup>1</sup> EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688

<sup>2</sup> Background check clearance required (EDLC 530, EDLC 554, EDLC 588, EDLC 688, EDST 590, EDST 591, EDST 592, EDST 593; EDSP 525, EDSP 545)

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

| Code                             | Title   | Hours    |
|----------------------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Special Education Courses</b> |   |          |
| EDSP 521                         | Foundations of Exceptionality                                     | 3        |
| EDSP 524                         | Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms                 | 3        |
| EDSP 525                         | Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners <sup>1,2</sup> | 3        |
| <b>Total Hours</b>               |   | <b>9</b> |

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<sup>2</sup> EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 545

| Code                        | Title                                | Hours    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Professional Courses</b> |                                      |          |
| EDLC 571                    | Curriculum Fundamentals <sup>1</sup> | 3        |
| EDLC 632                    | Literacy and Language Instruction    | 3        |
| <b>Total Hours</b>          |                                      | <b>6</b> |

<sup>1</sup> **International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDLC 571 and EDST 590 to count as part of their residency requirement

| Code                                       | Title   | Hours    |
|--|---|----------|
| <b>Gate &amp; Field Experience Courses</b> |   |          |
| EDSP 545                                   | Practicum in Special Education for Add-On Endorsement – Elementary <sup>1,2</sup> | 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        |
| EDLC 588                                   | Initial Licensure Practicum I <sup>1,2</sup>                                      | 0        |
| EDLC 688                                   | Initial Licensure Practicum II <sup>2,3</sup>                                     | 0        |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                         |   | <b>0</b> |

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<sup>2</sup> EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 545

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

<sup>4</sup> EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688

| Code                         | Title  | Hours    |
|------------------------------|--|----------|
| <b>Student Teaching</b>      |  |          |
| EDST 586                     | The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar-Elementary | 3        |
| Choose one of the following: |  | 3        |
| EDST 590                     | Student Teaching Local <sup>1,2,3</sup>                  |          |
| EDST 591                     | Student Teaching Local – Own Classroom <sup>1,3</sup>    |          |
| EDST 592                     | Student Teaching External <sup>1,3</sup>                 |          |
| EDST 593                     | Student Teaching External – Own Classroom <sup>1,3</sup> |          |
| <b>Total Hours</b>           |  | <b>6</b> |

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<sup>3</sup> Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, EDST 591, EDST 592 or EDST 593. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

## 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**