

TEACHING (M.A.T.) - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (45 HRS.)

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.

Code	Title	Hours
Initial Education Core Courses		
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
Total Hours		12

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

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

² Background check clearance required (EDLC 530 Teaching Mathematics (3 c.h.), EDLC 554 Reading and Language Acquisition (3 c.h.), EDLC 588 Initial Licensure Practicum I (0 c.h.), EDLC 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.))

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

Code	Title	Hours
Education Elective Courses		
Education Elective ¹		3
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Total Hours		9

¹ Choose one of the following courses: Any 500-600 level EDUC or EDSP course, or any approved graduate elective on the Course Equivalency Guide for Content Competencies not already required by the degree

Code	Title	Hours
Professional Courses		
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals ¹	3
EDLC 632	Literacy and Language Instruction	3
Total Hours		6

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Code	Title	Hours
Gate & Field Experience Courses		
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	^{1,2}	
EDUC 688	^{1,3}	
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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Teaching External – Own Classroom (3 c.h.). Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

Notes

- Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Refer to the Elementary/Middle 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