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

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.

As a requirement for completion of this program, including student teaching and passing required licensure tests, the graduate of this program, regardless of state residency, must obtain a VA state teaching license. The VA teaching license may then be used for reciprocity in another state according to the regulations of that state.

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	Foundations in Early Literacy Instruction [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 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688

[2] Background check clearance required (EDLC 530, EDLC 554, EDLC 588, EDLC 688; EDST 560, EDST 561, EDST 562, EDST 563, EDST 564, EDST 565, EDST 566, EDST 567, EDST 568, or EDST 569)

[3] EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

Code	Title	Hours
Professional Courses		
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3
EDLC 632	Literacy Instruction for Grades PK-8	3
Total Hours		**6**

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
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I [1,2]	0
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II [1,3]	0
Total Hours		**0**

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[2] EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588

[3] EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688

Code	Title	Hours
Student Teaching		
EDST 586	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar-Elementary	3
Choose one of the following:		3
EDST 560	Student Teaching - One Placement – Distance [1,2]	
EDST 561	Student Teaching - One Placement - Local [1,2]	
EDST 562	Student Teaching - Two Placement – Distance [1,2]	
EDST 563	Student Teaching - Two Placement - Local [1,2]	
EDST 564	Student Teaching – Own Classroom – Distance [1,2]	
EDST 565	Student Teaching – Own Classroom – Local [1,2]	
EDST 566	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – One placement - Distance [1,2]	
EDST 567	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – One placement - Local [1,2]	
EDST 568	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – Two placement - Distance [1,2]	
EDST 569	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – Two placement – Local [1,2]	
Total Hours		**6**

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[2] Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 560, EDST 561, EDST 562, EDST 563, EDST 564, EDST 565, EDST 566, EDST 567, EDST 568, or EDST 569). Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

Note

- Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Please refer to the Elementary/Middle Content Competency Chart.
- All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching, and students should not complete practicum during the summer semester

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
- 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

According to the Virginia Department of Education, an individual who holds an Elementary teaching license may add an additional endorsement to the license by passing Praxis Subject Assessment. This testing option does not apply to individuals seeking a special education endorsement.

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
EDGT 520	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure	0
EDLC 504	Educational Philosophy and Theories of Learning	3
EDLC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
EDGT 560	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure	0
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3
	Hours	**9**
Second Semester		
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I [1,2]	0
EDLC 554	Foundations in Early Literacy Instruction [1,2]	3
EDLC 606	Tests and Measurements	3
EDLC 632	Literacy Instruction for Grades PK-8	3
	Hours	**9**
Third Semester		
EDLC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3
EDLC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
	Hours	**6**
Fourth Semester		
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II [1,2]	0
EDGT 580	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure [1,2,3]	0
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics [1,2]	3
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3
	Hours	**6**
Fifth Semester		
Education Student Teaching [1,2,4]		3
EDST 586	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar-Elementary [1,2]	3
	Hours	**6**
	Total Hours	**36**

[1] Course should not be taken during the summer semester

[2] Background check clearance required

[3] Course should be taken the semester before student teaching

[4] Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 560, EDST 561, EDST 562, EDST 563, EDST 564, EDST 565, EDST 566, EDST 567, EDST 568, or EDST 569. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application.