TEACHING IN SECONDARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM & EDUCATION SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING (M.A.T. TO ED.S.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Education Curriculum (M.A.T.)		
EDLC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
EDLC 539	Current Issues in Content Areas [1]	3
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3
EDLC 625	Content Instructional Procedures [2,3]	3
EDLC 656	Literacy Across the Curriculum [2,4]	3
Education Elective [5]		3
Education Elective [6]		3
MAT Elective [7,8]		3
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EDGT 501	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure [9]	0
EDGT 502	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure [9]	0
EDGT 503	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure [9]	0
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I [2,4,9]	0
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II [2,3,9]	0
Education Specialist in School Curriculum and Instructional Planning (Ed.S.) [10]		
EDLC 704	Philosophical Perspectives and Theories of Education	3
EDLC 706	Educational Tests and Measurements	3
EDLC 772	Fundamentals of Curriculum Design	3
EDS Elective [11]		3
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EDST 785	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Middle/Secondary [9]	3
Candidates will be assigned one of the following: [2,9,12]		3
EDST 760	Student Teaching - One Placement – Distance	
EDST 761	Student Teaching - One Placement - Local	
EDST 762	Student Teaching - Two Placement – Distance	
EDST 763	Student Teaching - Two Placement - Local	
EDST 764	Student Teaching – Own Classroom – Distance	
EDST 765	Student Teaching – Own Classroom – Local	
EDST 766	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – One placement - Distance	
EDST 767	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – One placement - Local	
EDST 768	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – Two placement - Distance	
EDST 769	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – Two placement – Local	
Total Hours		**60**

1 Candidates may choose to take 9 hours of graduate courses in teaching endorsement (BIOL, ENGL, HIST, MATH) instead of EDLC 539, and ENGL 654/MLAN 519[13], and EDUC 635/EDUC 637/EDUC 668/EDUC 669/EDUC 673.

2 Background check clearance required (EDLC 588, EDLC 625, EDLC 656, EDLC 688, EDST 790, EDST 791, EDST 792, EDST 793).

3 EDLC 625 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688.

4 EDLC 656 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588.

5 Choose from the following courses: ENGL 654 or MLAN 519[13].

6 Choose from the following courses: EDLC 554[13], EDUC 635, EDUC 637, EDUC 668, EDUC 669, or EDUC 673.

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

8 Students without previous calculus coursework must successfully complete MATH 500 prior to taking other 500-level MATH courses.

9 The Gate, Practicum, and Student Teaching courses will be non-transferable: EDGT 520, EDGT 560, EDGT 580, EDST 760, EDST 761, EDST 762, EDST 763, EDST 764, EDST 765, EDST 766, EDST 767, EDST 768, EDST 769,EDST 785, EDLC 588, EDLC 688.

10 Candidates may not apply more than 15 total credit hours of 500-600 level coursework for the Ed.S. portion of the degree.

11 Choose one of the following courses: Any 700-800 level EDUC course, or any approved graduate elective on the Course Equivalency Guide for Content Competencies not already required by the degree.

12 Candidates will be assigned either EDST 760, EDST 761, EDST 762, or EDST 763, EDST 764, EDST 765, EDST 766, EDST 767, EDST 768, or EDST 769. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 application.

13 EDLC 554 and MLAN 519 are required for TESL/SPA.

Notes:

- Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Please refer to the Content Competency Chart. Candidates seeking licensure as 6-12 or K-12 teachers should have completed a bachelor's degree with a major in the teaching endorsement, or a degree in a related field with courses similar to that required for a bachelor's degree in the teaching endorsement. Candidates must document a minimum of 30 semester hours of content courses including each of the competencies listed for the endorsement. [See Content Competencies for subject areas]. In addition, candidates must successfully complete the appropriate Praxis Subject Assessment in the area of endorsement prior to student teaching.

- 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 60 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 required for the Master's degree
- 3.0 GPA required for the Education Specialist degree
- 30 Credit hours of MAT coursework must be 500-600 level
- No more than one grade of C may be applied to the Master's degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the Master's degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- No more than one grade of C may be applied to the Education Specialist degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the Education Specialist degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 7 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

First Year		
First Semester		**Hours**
EDGT 501	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure	0
EDGT 502	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure	0
EDLC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3
MAT Elective [1]		3
MAT Elective [1]		3
	Hours	**12**
Second Semester		
EDLC 539	Current Issues in Content Areas	3
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I [2,3]	0
EDLC 656	Literacy Across the Curriculum [2,3]	3
ENGL 654 or MLAN 519	Methods of Teaching Writing Across the Curriculum or Second Language Acquisition	3
MAT Elective [1]		3
	Hours	**12**
Second Year		
Third Semester		
EDGT 503	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure	0
EDLC 625	Content Instructional Procedures [2,4]	3
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II [2,4]	0
Education Elective [5]		3
EDS Elective [6]		3
	Hours	**9**
Fourth Semester		
EDLC 704	Philosophical Perspectives and Theories of Education	3
EDLC 706	Educational Tests and Measurements	3
EDLC 772	Fundamentals of Curriculum Design	3
EDS Elective [6]		3
	Hours	**12**
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
EDS Elective [6]		3
EDS Elective [6]		3
EDS Elective [6]		3
	Hours	**9**
Sixth Semester		
EDST 785	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Middle/Secondary	3
Student Teaching Elective [2,7]		3
	Hours	**6**
	Total Hours	**60**

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2. Background check clearance required.
3. EDLC 656 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588.
4. EDLC 625 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688.
5. Choose from the following courses: EDLC 554, EDUC 635, EDUC 637, EDUC 668, EDUC 669, or EDUC 673.
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