

# TEACHING IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (M.A.T.) - GENERAL CURRICULUM (45 HR.) WITH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - TRANSITION & SPECIAL NEEDS (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.

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 Special Education General Curriculum and Career and Technical Education –Transition and Special Needs (Add-On).

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
EDLC 504	Educational Philosophy and Theories of Learning	3
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3
EDSP 521	Foundations of Exceptionality	3
EDSP 522	Special Education and Disability Law	3
EDSP 622	Assessment and Evaluation in Special Education	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>General Curriculum Concentration</b>		
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics	3
EDLC 554	Reading and Language Acquisition <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDLC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals	3
EDSP 524	Collaborating for Successful Inclusive Classrooms	3
EDSP 525	Transition and Assessment for Exceptional Learners <sup>2,3</sup>	3
EDSP 529	Employment, Community, and Independent Living Education or Special Education Elective <sup>4</sup>	3
Education or Special Education Elective <sup>4</sup>		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

<sup>1</sup> EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588  
<sup>2</sup> Background check clearance required (EDSP 525, EDSP 688, EDLC 554, EDLC 588, EDST 587, EDST 590, EDST 591, EDST 592, EDST 593)  
<sup>3</sup> EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688  
<sup>4</sup> Choose a 500-600 level EDUC or EDSP course not already applying to the degree

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Gate &amp; Field Experience Courses</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	0
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I <sup>2,3</sup>	0
EDSP 688	Initial Licensure Practicum in Special Education II <sup>3,4</sup>	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, EDST 591, EDST 592, or EDST 593. Course and section number will be designated during EDGT 580  
<sup>2</sup> EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588  
<sup>3</sup> Background check clearance required (EDSP 525, EDSP 688, EDLC 554, EDLC 588, EDST 587, EDST 590, EDST 591, EDST 592, EDST 593)  
<sup>4</sup> EDSP 525 must be taken in the same semester as EDSP 688

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Student Teaching Courses</b>		
EDST 587	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Special Education <sup>1</sup>	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>1,2,3</sup>	
EDST 592	Student Teaching External <sup>1,2,3</sup>	
EDST 593	Student Teaching External – Own Classroom <sup>1,2,3</sup>	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Background check clearance required (EDSP 525, EDSP 688, EDLC 554, EDLC 588, EDST 587, EDST 590, EDST 591, EDST 592, EDST 593)  
<sup>2</sup> Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, EDST 591, EDST 592, or EDST 593. Course and section number will be designated during EDGT 580  
<sup>3</sup> **International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDST 590, EDST 591, EDST 592, or EDST 593 to count as part of their residency requirement

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