

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (B.ED.) - SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM - ONLINE

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Communication & Information Literacy | | |
| COMS 101 | Speech Communication | 3 |
| ENGL 101 | Composition and Rhetoric | 3 |
| ENGL 102 | Composition and Literature | 3 |
| HIUS 221 | Survey of American History I | 3 |
| Technological Solutions & Quantitative Reasoning | | |
| MATH 117 | Elements of Mathematics | 3 |
| UNIV 104 | Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning | 0-3 |
| Critical Thinking | | |
| ENGL 201 | American Literature I | 3 |
| RLGN 104 | Christian Life and Biblical Worldview ¹ | 4 |
| Civic & Global Engagement | | |
| CSTU 101 | Western Culture | 3 |
| Social & Scientific Inquiry | | |
| PHYS 101 | Elements of Physics | 3 |
| PSYC 210 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| Christianity & Contexts | | |
| BIBL 104 | Survey of Old and New Testament | 4 |
| THEO 104 | Introduction to Theology Survey ¹ | 4 |
| Total Hours | | 39-42 |

¹ Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

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.

Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Major Foundational Courses | | |
| BIOL 101 | Principles of Biology | 3 |
| BIOL 103 | Principles of Biology Laboratory | 1 |
| GEOG 200 | Introduction to Geography | 3 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| GOVT 200 | Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise | 3 |
| HIEU 202 | History of Western Civilization II | 3 |
| MATH 121 | College Algebra | 3 |
| MATH 217 | Elementary Geometry | 3 |
| PHSC 210 | Elements of Earth Science | 3 |
| PHYS 103 | Elements of Physics Lab | 1 |
| Total Hours | | 23 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Major Courses | | |
| <i>Elementary Education Courses</i> | | |
| EDUC 201 | Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology | 3 |
| EDUC 225 | Instructional Design for Elementary & Middle School Classrooms | 3 |
| EDUC 230 | Foundations of Reading and Literacy | 3 |
| EDUC 315 | Instructional Approaches to Literature for Children and Adolescents | 3 |
| EDUC 318 | Teaching Reading to Diverse Learners | 3 |
| EDUC 319 | Teaching Writing and Language Arts to Diverse Learners | 3 |
| EDUC 322 | Teaching Elementary and Middle School Social Science | 3 |
| EDUC 323 | Teaching Elementary and Middle School Mathematics | 3 |
| EDUC 324 | Teaching Elementary and Middle School Science | 3 |
| EDUC 350 | Behavior and Individual Differences | 3 |
| EDUC 360 | Foundations of Education | 3 |
| EDUC 410 | Elementary School Curriculum | 3 |
| EDUC 415 | Diagnostic Measurement and Evaluation | 3 |
| HIUS 390 | History of Virginia | 3 |
| <i>Practicum and Gate Courses</i> | | |
| EDGT 175 | School of Education Gate 1 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance | 0 |
| EDGT 275 | School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance | 0 |
| EDGT 375 | School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance | 0 |
| EDUC 188 | Practicum in Education I: Distance ¹ | 0 |
| EDUC 288 | Practicum in Education II: Distance ¹ | 0 |
| EDUC 388 | Practicum in Education III: Distance ¹ | 0 |
| <i>Professional Semester</i> | | |
| EDST 476 | The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar | 3 |
| <i>Choose one of the following: ^{1,2}</i> | | |
| EDST 460 | Student Teaching - One Placement – Distance | |
| EDST 461 | Student Teaching - One Placement – Local | |
| EDST 462 | Student Teaching - Two Placement – Distance | |
| EDST 463 | Student Teaching - Two Placement – Local | |
| EDST 464 | Student Teaching - Own Classroom – Distance | |
| EDST 465 | Student Teaching - Own Classroom – Local | |
| EDST 466 | Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement - One Placement – Distance | |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| EDST 467 | Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement - One Placement – Local | |
| EDST 468 | Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement - Two Placement - Distance | |
| EDST 469 | Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement - Two Placement – Local | |
| Total Hours | | 54 |

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² This course should be taken in the final semester.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Cognate | | |
| EDSP 323 | Special Education Law and Characteristics | 3 |
| EDSP 363 | Behavior Management | 3 |
| EDSP 388 | Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Distance ¹ | 0 |
| EDSP 413 | Inclusion and Diversity: Effective Practices and Strategies | 3 |
| EDSP 473 | Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 12 |

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Note:

- All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching, and candidates should not plan to take these courses in summer terms.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- **128** Total Hours
- **3.0** Overall grade point average
- **32** Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all courses in the major and cognate
- **25%** Of major taken through Liberty University
- **32** Hours must be completed through Liberty University
- **Grad App** Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Course Sequence

Freshman Year

| First Semester | | Hours |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| COMS 101 | Speech Communication | 3 |
| ENGL 101 | Composition and Rhetoric | 3 |
| HIEU 202 | History of Western Civilization II | 3 |
| MATH 117 | Elements of Mathematics | 3 |
| UNIV 104 | Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning | 3 |

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| EDGT 175 | School of Education Gate 1 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance | 0 |
| EDUC 201 | Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology | 3 |
| Hours | | 18 |

Second Semester

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| ENGL 102 | Composition and Literature | 3 |
| MATH 217 | Elementary Geometry | 3 |
| PHYS 101 | Elements of Physics | 3 |
| PHYS 103 | Elements of Physics Lab | 1 |
| RLGN 104 | Christian Life and Biblical Worldview | 4 |
| EDGT 275 | School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance | 0 |
| EDUC 350 | Behavior and Individual Differences | 3 |
| Hours | | 17 |

Sophomore Year

Third Semester

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|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| BIOL 101 | Principles of Biology | 3 |
| BIOL 103 | Principles of Biology Laboratory | 1 |
| ENGL 201 | American Literature I | 3 |
| EDUC 225 | Instructional Design for Elementary & Middle School Classrooms | 3 |
| PSYC 210 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| EDSP 323 | Special Education Law and Characteristics | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |

Fourth Semester

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|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| GEOG 200 | Introduction to Geography | 3 |
| GOVT 200 | Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise | 3 |
| HIUS 221 | Survey of American History I | 3 |
| PHSC 210 | Elements of Earth Science | 3 |
| EDSP 363 | Behavior Management | 3 |
| EDUC 315 | Instructional Approaches to Literature for Children and Adolescents | 3 |
| Hours | | 18 |

Junior Year

Fifth Semester

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|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| BIBL 104 | Survey of Old and New Testament | 4 |
| HIUS 390 | History of Virginia | 3 |
| EDSP 413 | Inclusion and Diversity: Effective Practices and Strategies | 3 |
| EDUC 188 | Practicum in Education I: Distance ^{1,2} | 0 |
| EDUC 318 | Teaching Reading to Diverse Learners ² | 3 |
| EDUC 319 | Teaching Writing and Language Arts to Diverse Learners | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |

Sixth Semester

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| CSTU 101 | Western Culture | 3 |
| THEO 104 | Introduction to Theology Survey | 4 |
| EDUC 288 | Practicum in Education II: Distance ^{1,3} | 0 |
| EDUC 322 | Teaching Elementary and Middle School Social Science | 3 |

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| EDUC 323 | Teaching Elementary and Middle School Mathematics ³ | 3 |
| EDUC 324 | Teaching Elementary and Middle School Science | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Senior Year | | |
| Seventh Semester | | |
| MATH 121 | College Algebra | 3 |
| EDSP 388 | Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Distance ^{1,4} | 0 |
| EDSP 473 | Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners ⁴ | 3 |
| EDUC 230 | Foundations of Reading and Literacy | 3 |
| EDUC 360 | Foundations of Education | 3 |
| EDGT 375 | School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance | 0 |
| EDUC 388 | Practicum in Education III: Distance ^{1,5} | 0 |
| EDUC 410 | Elementary School Curriculum ⁵ | 3 |
| EDUC 415 | Diagnostic Measurement and Evaluation | 3 |
| Hours | | 18 |
| Eighth Semester | | |
| EDST 476 | The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar | 3 |
| Student Teaching Option ^{1,6} | | 9 |
| Hours | | 12 |
| Total Hours | | 131 |

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² EDUC 188 and EDUC 318 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer

³ EDUC 288 and EDUC 323 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer

⁴ EDSP 388 and EDSP 473 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer

⁵ EDUC 388 and EDUC 410 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer.

⁶ Choose one of the following Student Teaching options: EDST 460, EDST 461, EDST 462, EDST 463, EDST 464, EDST 465, EDST 466, EDST 467, EDST 468, or EDST 469

All applicable prerequisites must be met