

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

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
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 ¹		
MATH 117	Elements of Mathematics	3
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1
Technology Competency ²		0-3
Critical Thinking		
ENGL 201	American Literature I	3
RLGN 105	Introduction to Biblical Worldview ³	2
Civic & Global Engagement		
CSTU 101	Western Culture	3
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life ³	2
Social & Scientific Inquiry		
PHYS 101	Elements of Physics	3
PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology	3
Christianity & Contexts		
BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2
BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2
THEO 201	Theology Survey I ³	2
THEO 202	Theology Survey II ³	2
Total Hours		40-43

¹ Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

² All students must pass the Computer Assessment OR complete applicable INFT course

³ Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirements of RLGN 105 and EVAN 101 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirements of THEO 201 and THEO 202 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
Major Foundational Courses		
BIOL 101	Principles of Biology	3
BIOL 103	Principles of Biology Laboratory	1
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography	3
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
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

Practicum and Gate Courses

EDGT 177	School of Education Gate 1 – UG Initial Licensure – Local	0
EDGT 277	School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure – Local	0
EDGT 377	School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure – Local	0
EDUC 189	Practicum in Education I: Local ¹	0
EDUC 289	Practicum in Education II: Local ¹	0
EDUC 389	Practicum in Education III: Local ¹	0

Professional Semester

EDST 476	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
<i>Choose one of the following: ^{1,2}</i>		
EDST 460	Student Teaching - One Placement – Distance	9

Code	Title	Hours
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	
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
Cognate		
EDSP 323	Special Education Law and Characteristics	3
EDSP 363	Behavior Management	3
EDSP 389	Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Local 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

- **129** Total Hours
- **3.0** Overall grade point average
- **32.25** 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
- **32.25** 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
- **CSER** All requirements must be satisfied before a degree will be awarded

Course Sequence

Freshman Year

First Semester		Hours
COMS 101	Speech Communication	3
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
MATH 117	Elements of Mathematics	3
UNIV 101	Foundational Skills	1
Technology Competency ¹		0-3
EDGT 177	School of Education Gate 1 – UG Initial Licensure – Local	0
EDUC 201	Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology	3
CSER		0
Hours		13-16

Second Semester

ENGL 102	Composition and Literature	3
HIUS 221	Survey of American History I	3
MATH 217	Elementary Geometry	3
PHYS 101	Elements of Physics	3
PHYS 103	Elements of Physics Lab	1
EDGT 277	School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure – Local	0
EDUC 350	Behavior and Individual Differences	3
CSER		0
Hours		16

Sophomore Year

Third Semester

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
RLGN 105	Introduction to Biblical Worldview	2
PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology	3
EDSP 323	Special Education Law and Characteristics	3
CSER		0
Hours		18

Fourth Semester

CSTU 101	Western Culture	3
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography	3
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise	3
PHSC 210	Elements of Earth Science	3
EDUC 230	Foundations of Reading and Literacy	3
EDUC 315	Instructional Approaches to Literature for Children and Adolescents	3
CSER		0
Hours		18

Junior Year

Fifth Semester

BIBL 105	Old Testament Survey	2
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life	2

HIEU 202	History of Western Civilization II	3
THEO 201	Theology Survey I	2
EDSP 363	Behavior Management	3
EDUC 189	Practicum in Education I: Local ^{2,3}	0
EDUC 318	Teaching Reading to Diverse Learners ³	3
EDUC 319	Teaching Writing and Language Arts to Diverse Learners	3
CSER		0

Hours 18

Sixth Semester

BIBL 110	New Testament Survey	2
MATH 121	College Algebra	3
EDSP 413	Inclusion and Diversity: Effective Practices and Strategies	3
EDUC 289	Practicum in Education II: Local ^{2,4}	0
EDUC 322	Teaching Elementary and Middle School Social Science	3
EDUC 323	Teaching Elementary and Middle School Mathematics ⁴	3
EDUC 324	Teaching Elementary and Middle School Science	3
CSER		0

Hours 17

Senior Year

Seventh Semester

THEO 202	Theology Survey II	2
HIUS 390	History of Virginia	3
EDSP 389	Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Local ^{2,5}	0
EDSP 473	Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners ⁵	3
EDUC 360	Foundations of Education	3
EDGT 377	School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure – Local	0
EDUC 389	Practicum in Education III: Local ^{2,6}	0
EDUC 410	Elementary School Curriculum ⁶	3
EDUC 415	Diagnostic Measurement and Evaluation	3
CSER		0

Hours 17

Eighth Semester

EDST 476	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
Student Teaching Option ^{2,7}		9
CSER		0

Hours 12

Total Hours 129-132

⁵ EDSP 389 and EDSP 473 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer.

⁶ EDUC 389 and EDUC 410 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer.

⁷ 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

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² Liberty University School of Education Background check is required for all practicums and student teaching

³ EDUC 189 and EDUC 318 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer.

⁴ EDUC 289 and EDUC 323 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer.