

SPECIAL EDUCATION (B.ED.) - ADAPTED & GENERAL CURRICULUM K-12 - 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 |
| HIEU 202 | History of Western Civilization II | 3 |
| MATH 121 | College Algebra | 3 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| MATH 217 | Elementary Geometry | 3 |
| PHYS 103 | Elements of Physics Lab | 1 |
| Total Hours | | 17 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Major Courses | | |
| EDSP 323 | Special Education Law and Characteristics | 3 |
| EDUC 201 | Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology | 3 |
| EDUC 221 | Content Area Reading and Differentiated Teaching and Learning | 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 323 | Teaching Elementary and Middle School Mathematics | 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 |
| Practicum and Gate Courses | | |
| 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 |
| EDSP 458 | Practicum in Special Education: Adapted – Distance ¹ | 0 |
| EDSP 488 | Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Distance ¹ | 0 |
| EDUC 188 | Practicum in Education I: Distance ¹ | 0 |
| EDUC 288 | Practicum in Education II: Distance ¹ | 0 |
| Professional Semester | | |
| EDST 477 | The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar | 3 |
| Student Teaching Electives ^{1,2,3} | | 9 |
| Total Hours | | 51 |

¹ Liberty University School of Education Background check is required for all practicums and student teaching.

² Choose 9 credits from EDST 462, EDST 463, EDST 464, EDST 465, EDST 468, or EDST 469.

³ This course should be taken in the final semester.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Adapted and General Curriculum K-12 Cognate | | |
| EDSP 345 | Cognitive & Medical Characteristics of Students with Significant Disabilities | 3 |
| EDSP 363 | Behavior Management | 3 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| EDSP 413 | Inclusion and Diversity: Effective Practices and Strategies | 3 |
| EDSP 445 | Instructional Methods & Strategies for Students with Significant Disabilities | 3 |
| EDSP 473 | Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 15 |

Note:

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

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- 122 Total Hours
- 3.0 Overall grade point average
- 30.5 Hours must be upper-level courses (300-400 level)
- **Grade of 'C'** Minimum required for all courses in the major
- 25% Of major taken through Liberty University
- 30.5 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 |
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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 |
| EDUC 350 | Behavior and Individual Differences | 3 |
| ENGL 101 | Composition and Rhetoric | 3 |
| MATH 117 | Elements of Mathematics | 3 |
| PSYC 210 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| UNIV 104 | Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning | 0-3 |

Hours 15-18

Second Semester

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| COMS 101 | Speech Communication | 3 |
| EDGT 275 | School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance | 0 |
| EDSP 323 | Special Education Law and Characteristics | 3 |
| EDUC 225 | Instructional Design for Elementary & Middle School Classrooms | 3 |
| EDUC 230 | Foundations of Reading and Literacy | 3 |
| ENGL 102 | Composition and Literature | 3 |
| MATH 217 | Elementary Geometry | 3 |

Hours 18

Sophomore Year**First Semester**

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| BIOL 101 | Principles of Biology | 3 |
| BIOL 103 | Principles of Biology Laboratory | 1 |

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| EDSP 345 | Cognitive & Medical Characteristics of Students with Significant Disabilities | 3 |
| EDUC 188 | Practicum in Education I: Distance | 0 |
| EDUC 318 | Teaching Reading to Diverse Learners | 3 |
| EDUC 319 | Teaching Writing and Language Arts to Diverse Learners | 3 |
| ENGL 201 | American Literature I | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |

Second Semester

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|--------------|---|-----------|
| EDSP 445 | Instructional Methods & Strategies for Students with Significant Disabilities | 3 |
| EDSP 458 | Practicum in Special Education: Adapted – Distance | 0 |
| EDUC 315 | Instructional Approaches to Literature for Children and Adolescents | 3 |
| GEOG 200 | Introduction to Geography | 3 |
| HIUS 221 | Survey of American History I | 3 |
| PHYS 101 | Elements of Physics | 3 |
| PHYS 103 | Elements of Physics Lab | 1 |
| Hours | | 16 |

Junior Year**First Semester**

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| BIBL 104 | Survey of Old and New Testament | 4 |
| EDSP 363 | Behavior Management | 3 |
| EDUC 288 | Practicum in Education II: Distance | 0 |
| EDUC 323 | Teaching Elementary and Middle School Mathematics | 3 |
| HIEU 202 | History of Western Civilization II | 3 |
| RLGN 104 | Christian Life and Biblical Worldview | 4 |

Hours 17

Second Semester

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| CSTU 101 | Western Culture | 3 |
| EDSP 413 | Inclusion and Diversity: Effective Practices and Strategies | 3 |
| EDSP 488 | Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Distance | 0 |
| EDUC 221 | Content Area Reading and Differentiated Teaching and Learning | 3 |
| MATH 121 | College Algebra | 3 |
| THEO 104 | Introduction to Theology Survey | 4 |

Hours 16

Senior Year**First Semester**

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| EDGT 375 | School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance | 0 |
| EDSP 473 | Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners | 3 |
| EDUC 360 | Foundations of Education | 3 |
| EDUC 410 | Elementary School Curriculum | 3 |
| EDUC 415 | Diagnostic Measurement and Evaluation | 3 |

Hours 12

Second Semester

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| EDST 477 | The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar | 3 |
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| Student Teaching Electives ^{1,2} | 9 |
| Hours | 12 |
| Total Hours | 122-125 |

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