

SPECIAL EDUCATION (B.ED.) - ADAPTED & GENERAL CURRICULUM K-12 - 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
HIEU 202	History of Western Civilization II	3
MATH 121	College Algebra	3
MATH 217	Elementary Geometry	3
PHYS 103	Elements of Physics Lab	1
Total Hours		17

Code	Title	Hours
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
<i>Practicum and Gate Courses</i>		
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
EDSP 459	Practicum in Special Education: Adapted – Local ¹	0
EDSP 489	Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Local ¹	0
EDUC 189	Practicum in Education I: Local ¹	0
EDUC 289	Practicum in Education II: Local ¹	0
<i>Professional Semester</i>		
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
Adapted and General Curriculum K-12 Cognate		
EDSP 345	Cognitive & Medical Characteristics of Students with Significant Disabilities	3
EDSP 363	Behavior Management	3
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

- 123 Total hours
- 3.0 Overall grade point average
- 30.75 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
- 30.75 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
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
EDUC 350 Behavior and Individual Differences	3
ENGL 101 Composition and Rhetoric	3
MATH 117 Elements of Mathematics	3
UNIV 101 Foundational Skills	1
CSER	0
Hours	13-16

Second Semester

EDGT 277 School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure – Local	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
HIUS 221 Survey of American History I	3
MATH 217 Elementary Geometry	3
CSER	0
Hours	18

Sophomore Year

First Semester

CSTU 101 Western Culture	3
EDSP 345 Cognitive & Medical Characteristics of Students with Significant Disabilities	3
EDUC 189 Practicum in Education I: Local	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
PSYC 210 Developmental Psychology	3
CSER	0
Hours	18

Second Semester

COMS 101 Speech Communication	3
EDSP 445 Instructional Methods & Strategies for Students with Significant Disabilities	3
EDSP 459 Practicum in Special Education: Adapted – Local	0
EDUC 315 Instructional Approaches to Literature for Children and Adolescents	3
GEOG 200 Introduction to Geography	3
PHYS 101 Elements of Physics	3
PHYS 103 Elements of Physics Lab	1
RLGN 105 Introduction to Biblical Worldview	2
CSER	0
Hours	18

Junior Year

First Semester

BIBL 105 Old Testament Survey	2
BIOL 101 Principles of Biology	3
BIOL 103 Principles of Biology Laboratory	1
EDSP 363 Behavior Management	3
EDUC 289 Practicum in Education II: Local	0
EDUC 323 Teaching Elementary and Middle School Mathematics	3
HIEU 202 History of Western Civilization II	3
THEO 201 Theology Survey I	2
CSER	0
Hours	17

Second Semester

BIBL 110 New Testament Survey	2
EDSP 473 Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners	3

EDSP 489	Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Local	0
EDUC 221	Content Area Reading and Differentiated Teaching and Learning	3
EVAN 101	Evangelism and the Christian Life	2
MATH 121	College Algebra	3
THEO 202	Theology Survey II	2
CSER		0
Hours		15
Senior Year		
First Semester		
EDGT 377	School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure – Local	0
EDSP 413	Inclusion and Diversity: Effective Practices and Strategies	3
EDUC 360	Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 410	Elementary School Curriculum	3
EDUC 415	Diagnostic Measurement and Evaluation	3
CSER		0
Hours		12
Second Semester		
EDST 477	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
	Student Teaching Electives ^{2,3}	9
CSER		0
Hours		12
Total Hours		123-126

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