

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

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

<sup>2</sup> All students must pass the Computer Assessment OR complete applicable INFT course

<sup>3</sup> 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 regulation of that state.

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Foundational Courses</b>		
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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>17</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Courses</b>		
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
<b>Practicum and Gate Courses</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	0
EDUC 188	Practicum in Education I: Distance <sup>1</sup>	0
EDUC 288	Practicum in Education II: Distance <sup>1</sup>	0
<b>Professional Semester</b>		
EDST 477	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
Student Teaching Electives <sup>1,2,3</sup>		9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>51</b>

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

- <sup>2</sup> Choose 9 Credits  
from EDST 462, EDST 463, EDST 464, EDST 465, EDST 468,  
or EDST 469.
- <sup>3</sup> This course should be taken in the final semester.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Adapted Curriculum K-12 Cognate</b>		
EDSP 345	Cognitive & Medical Characteristics of Students with Significant Disabilities	3
EDSP 363	Behavior Management	3
EDSP 445	Instructional Methods & Strategies for Students with Significant Disabilities	3
EDSP 473	Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Free Electives</b>		
Choose 0-1 credit hours of Free Electives		0-1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0-1</b>

**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**

- 120 Total Hours
- 3.0 Overall grade point average
- 30 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 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**

<b>First Semester</b>		Hours
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-18</b>

**Second Semester**

COMS 101	Speech Communication	3
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EDGT 275	School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

**Sophomore Year****First Semester**

BIOL 101	Principles of Biology	3
BIOL 103	Principles of Biology Laboratory	1
EDSP 323	Special Education Law and Characteristics	3
EDUC 319	Teaching Writing and Language Arts to Diverse Learners	3
ENGL 201	American Literature I	3
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Second Semester**

EDSP 345	Cognitive & Medical Characteristics of Students with Significant Disabilities	3
EDUC 188	Practicum in Education I: Distance	0
EDUC 315	Instructional Approaches to Literature for Children and Adolescents	3
EDUC 318	Teaching Reading to Diverse Learners	3
HIUS 221	Survey of American History I	3
PHYS 101	Elements of Physics	3
PHYS 103	Elements of Physics Lab	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Junior Year****First Semester**

BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
EDSP 445	Instructional Methods & Strategies for Students with Significant Disabilities	3
EDSP 458	Practicum in Special Education: Adapted – Distance	0
EDUC 221	Content Area Reading and Differentiated Teaching and Learning	3
HIEU 202	History of Western Civilization II	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>

**Second Semester**

CSTU 101	Western Culture	3
EDSP 363	Behavior Management	3
EDUC 288	Practicum in Education II: Distance	0
EDUC 323	Teaching Elementary and Middle School Mathematics	3
MATH 121	College Algebra	3
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

**Senior Year****First Semester**

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
Elective		1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>

**Second Semester**

EDST 477	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
Student Teaching Electives <sup>1,2</sup>		9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120-123</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Choose 9 credits from EDST 462, EDST 463, EDST 464, EDST 465, EDST 468, or EDST 469.

<sup>2</sup> This course should be taken in the final semester.