

SPECIAL EDUCATION (B.ED.) - 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
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
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
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
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 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 ²	3
Student Teaching Electives ^{2,3}		9
Total Hours		51

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

² This course should be taken in the final semester.

³ Choose one of the following Student Teaching options: EDST 462, EDST 463, EDST 464, EDST 465, EDST 468, or EDST 469.

Code	Title	Hours
General Curriculum K-12 Cognate		
EDSP 363	Behavior Management	3
EDSP 413	Inclusion and Diversity: Effective Practices and Strategies	3
EDSP 473	Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners	3

Code	Title	Hours
PHSC 210	Elements of Earth Science	3
Total Hours		12
Code	Title	Hours
Free Electives		
Choose 0-1 credit hours of Free Electives		0-1
Total Hours		0-1

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**

First Semester		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
Hours		15-18

Second Semester

COMS 101	Speech Communication	3
CSTU 101	Western Culture	3
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
Hours		18

Sophomore Year**First Semester**

BIOL 101	Principles of Biology	3
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BIOL 103	Principles of Biology Laboratory	1
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		13

Second Semester

EDSP 323	Special Education Law and Characteristics	3
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
PHSC 210	Elements of Earth Science	3
Hours		15

Junior Year**First Semester**

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
PHYS 101	Elements of Physics	3
PHYS 103	Elements of Physics Lab	1

Hours**17****Second Semester**

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
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4

Hours**17****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

Hours**13****Second Semester**

EDST 477	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
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Student Teaching Electives ^{1,2}	9
Hours	12
Total Hours	120-123

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