

TEACHING IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM & EDUCATION SPECIALIST IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING (M.A.T. TO ED.S.)

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.

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
<i>Master of Arts in Teaching in Elementary Education Curriculum (M.A.T.)</i>		
EDLC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics ^{1,2,3}	3
EDLC 554	Foundations in Early Literacy Instruction ^{2,4}	3
EDLC 632	Literacy and Language Instruction	3
EDLC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3
EDLC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
Education Elective ^{3,5}		3
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EDGT 520	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure ⁶	0
EDGT 560	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure ⁶	0
EDGT 580	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure ⁶	0
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I ^{2,4,6}	0
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II ^{1,2,6}	0
<i>Education Specialist in School Curriculum & Instructional Planning (Ed.S.)</i>		
EDLC 704	Philosophical Perspectives and Theories of Education	3
EDLC 706	Educational Tests and Measurements	3
EDLC 772	Fundamentals of Curriculum Design	3
Elective ⁸		3
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Elective ⁸		3
EDST 786	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Elementary ⁶	3
<i>Candidates will be assigned one of the following: ^{2,6,9}</i>		3
EDST 760	Student Teaching - One Placement – Distance	
EDST 761	Student Teaching - One Placement - Local	
EDST 762	Student Teaching - Two Placement – Distance	

Code	Title	Hours
EDST 763	Student Teaching - Two Placement - Local	
EDST 764	Student Teaching – Own Classroom – Distance	
EDST 765	Student Teaching – Own Classroom – Local	
EDST 766	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – One placement - Distance	
EDST 767	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – One placement - Local	
EDST 768	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – Two placement - Distance	
EDST 769	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement – Two placement – Local	
Total Hours		60

¹ EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688.

² Background check clearance required (EDLC 530, EDLC 554, EDLC 588, EDLC 688, EDST 760, EDST 761, EDST 762, EDST 763, EDST 764, EDST 765, EDST 766, EDST 767, EDST 768, and EDST 769).

³ Students without previous calculus coursework must successfully complete MATH 500 prior to taking other 500-level MATH courses.

⁴ EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588.

⁵ Choose one of the following courses: Any 500-600 level EDUC course, or any approved graduate elective on the Course Equivalency Guide for Content Competencies not already required by the degree.

⁶ The Gate, Practicum, and Student Teaching courses will be non-transferable: EDGT 520, EDGT 560, EDGT 580, EDST 760, EDST 761, EDST 762, EDST 763, EDST 764, EDST 765, EDST 766, EDST 767, EDST 768, EDST 769, EDST 786, EDLC 588, EDLC 688.

⁷ Candidates may not apply more than 15 total credit hours of 500-600 level coursework for the Ed.S. portion of the degree.

⁸ Choose one of the following courses: Any 700-800 level EDUC course, or any approved graduate elective on the Course Equivalency Guide for Content Competencies not already required by the degree.

⁹ Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 760, EDST 761, EDST 762, EDST 763, EDST 764, EDST 765, EDST 766, or EDST 769. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application.

Notes:

Competencies must be met prior to student teaching. Please refer to the Elementary/Middle Content Competency Chart.

All practicum courses should be completed before student teaching and students should not complete practicum during the summer semester

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA required for the Master's degree
- 3.0 GPA required for the Education Specialist degree
- 30 Credit hours of MAT coursework must be 500-600 level
- No more than one grade of C may be applied to the Master's degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the Master's degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)

- No more than one grade of C may be applied to the Education Specialist degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the Education Specialist degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
EDGT 520	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure	0
EDLC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3
Elective ¹		3
EDGT 560	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure	0
EDLC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
EDLC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I ^{2,3}	0
EDLC 554	Foundations in Early Literacy Instruction ^{2,3}	3
Elective ¹		3
EDLC 632	Literacy and Language Instruction	3
EDLC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3
Hours		12
Second Year		
First Semester		
EDLC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II ^{2,4}	0
EDGT 580	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure	0
EDLC 530	Teaching Mathematics ^{2,4}	3
EDLC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School	3
Elective ⁵		3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
EDLC 706	Educational Tests and Measurements	3
EDLC 704	Philosophical Perspectives and Theories of Education	3
EDLC 772	Fundamentals of Curriculum Design	3
Elective ⁵		3
Hours		12
Third Year		
First Semester		
Elective ⁵		3
Elective ⁵		3
Elective ⁵		3
Hours		9

Course	Title	Hours
Second Semester		
EDST Elective ^{2,6,7}		3
EDST 786	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Elementary	3
Hours		6
Total Hours		60

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² Background check clearance required (EDLC 530, 554, 588, 688, EDST 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769)

³ EDLC 554 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 588.

⁴ EDLC 530 must be taken in the same semester as EDLC 688.

⁵ Choose one of the following courses: Any 700-800 level EDUC course, or any approved graduate elective on the Course Equivalency Guide for Content Competencies not already required by the degree

⁶ Candidates will be assigned one of the following: EDST 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, or 769. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

⁷ International candidates seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDST 761 and 763 to count as part of their residency requirement.