

# SPECIAL EDUCATION (B.ED.) - 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
<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</b>		
MATH 117	Elements of Mathematics	3
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
<b>Critical Thinking</b>		
ENGL 201	American Literature I	3
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>Civic &amp; Global Engagement</b>		
CSTU 101	Western Culture	3
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Inquiry</b>		
PHYS 101	Elements of Physics	3
PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology	3
<b>Christianity &amp; Contexts</b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey <sup>1</sup>	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>39-42</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Major Foundational Courses</b>		
BIOL 101	Principles of Biology	3
BIOL 103	Principles of Biology Laboratory	1
GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography	3
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise	3
HIEU 202	History of Western Civilization II	3
MATH 121	College Algebra	3

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 217	Elementary Geometry	3
PHSC 210	Elements of Earth Science	3
PHYS 103	Elements of Physics Lab	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>23</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Core</b>		
<i>Special Education Courses</i>		
EDSP 323	Special Education Law and Characteristics	3
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
EDUC 201	Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology	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 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 <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
<i>Professional Semester</i>		
EDST 477	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
<i>Choose one of the following: <sup>1,2</sup></i>		<b>9</b>
EDST 462	Student Teaching - Two Placement – Distance	
EDST 463	Student Teaching - Two Placement – Local	
EDST 464	Student Teaching - Own Classroom – Distance	
EDST 465	Student Teaching - Own Classroom – Local	
EDST 468	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement - Two Placement - Distance	
EDST 469	Student Teaching - Multiple Endorsement - Two Placement – Local	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>57</b>

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

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

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 candidate 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

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
COMS 101	Speech Communication	3
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
HIEU 202	History of Western Civilization II	3
MATH 117	Elements of Mathematics	3
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
EDGT 175	School of Education Gate 1 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDUC 201	Introduction to Education and Classroom Technology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15-18</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
ENGL 102	Composition and Literature	3
MATH 217	Elementary Geometry	3
PHYS 101	Elements of Physics	3
PHYS 103	Elements of Physics Lab	1
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
EDGT 275	School of Education Gate 2 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDUC 350	Behavior and Individual Differences	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
BIOL 101	Principles of Biology	3

Course	Title	Hours
BIOL 103	Principles of Biology Laboratory	1
ENGL 201	American Literature I	3
EDUC 225	Instructional Design for Elementary & Middle School Classrooms	3
PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology	3
EDSP 323	Special Education Law and Characteristics	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Second Semester

GEOG 200	Introduction to Geography	3
GOVT 200	Constitutional Government and Free Enterprise	3
HIUS 221	Survey of American History I	3
PHSC 210	Elements of Earth Science	3
EDSP 363	Behavior Management	3
EDUC 315	Instructional Approaches to Literature for Children and Adolescents	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

### Third Year

#### First Semester

BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
HIUS 390	History of Virginia	3
EDSP 413	Inclusion and Diversity: Effective Practices and Strategies	3
EDUC 188	Practicum in Education I: Distance <sup>1,2</sup>	0
EDUC 318	Teaching Reading to Diverse Learners <sup>2</sup>	3
EDUC 319	Teaching Writing and Language Arts to Diverse Learners	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

#### Second Semester

CSTU 101	Western Culture	3
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
EDUC 288	Practicum in Education II: Distance <sup>1,3</sup>	0
EDUC 322	Teaching Elementary and Middle School Social Science	3
EDUC 323	Teaching Elementary and Middle School Mathematics <sup>3</sup>	3
EDUC 324	Teaching Elementary and Middle School Science	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Fourth Year

#### First Semester

MATH 121	College Algebra	3
EDSP 388	Practicum in Special Education: General Curriculum - Distance <sup>1,4</sup>	0
EDSP 473	Assessment and Transition Planning for Diverse Learners <sup>4</sup>	3
EDUC 360	Foundations of Education	3
EDGT 375	School of Education Gate 3 – UG Initial Licensure - Distance	0
EDUC 388	Practicum in Education III: Distance <sup>1,5</sup>	0
EDUC 410	Elementary School Curriculum <sup>5</sup>	3
EDUC 415	Diagnostic Measurement and Evaluation	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDST 476	The Reflective Educator: Resource Seminar	3
Student Teaching Option <sup>1,6</sup>		9
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>125-128</b>

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<sup>2</sup> EDUC 188 and EDUC 318 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer.

<sup>3</sup> EDUC 288 and EDUC 323 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer

<sup>4</sup> EDSP 388 and EDSP 473 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer

<sup>5</sup> EDUC 388 and EDUC 410 are co-requisites, and should not be taken in the summer.

<sup>6</sup> Choose one of the following Student Teaching options: EDST 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, or 469