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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Middle Grades Education (6-8) Cognate
2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

After completion of the required program coursework (including student teaching), content competencies (if applicable), and the passing of licensure tests, the graduate of this program would be eligible for a VA state teaching license.

INITIAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 504	Educational Philosophy & Theories of Learning	3		
EDUC 510	Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners	3		
EDUC 606	Tests & Measurements	3		
EDUC 623	Principles of Behavior Management	3		

MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 571	Curriculum Fundamentals[1]	3		
EDUC 632	Literacy & Language Instruction	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

EDUC 601	Professional Development in Middle Grades Education	3		
EDUC 602	Young Adolescents, Schools & Communities	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

EDUC 635	Teaching Science in the Middle School	3		
EDUC 637	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle School	3		
EDUC 668	Mathematics Instruction & Learning for K-8	3		
EDUC 669	Literacy for Middle Level Learners	3		

PROFESSIONAL COURSES (6 hours)

EDUC 625	Content Instructional Procedures[2,3]	3		
EDUC 656	Literacy Across the Curriculum[2,4]	3		

GATE & FIELD EXPERIENCE COURSES (0 hours)

EDGT 520	School of Education Gate 1 – MAT Initial Licensure	0		
EDGT 560	School of Education Gate 2 – MAT Initial Licensure	0		
EDGT 580	School of Education Gate 3 – MAT Initial Licensure	0		
EDUC 588	Initial Licensure Practicum I[2,4]	0		
EDUC 688	Initial Licensure Practicum II[2,3]	0		

STUDENT TEACHING (6 hours)

EDST 585	The Reflective Practitioner: Resource Seminar – Middle/Secondary	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

EDST 590	Student Teaching Local[1,2,5]	3		
EDST 591	Student Teaching Local – Own Classroom[2,5]	3		
EDST 592	Student Teaching External[2,5]	3		
EDST 593	Student Teaching External – Own Classroom[2,5]	3		

TOTAL HOURS 36

Graduation Requirements
Complete 36 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
No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
Degree must be completed within 5 years
Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Online Format

Notes
All applicable prerequisites must be met
Refer to the Middle Grades Education Content Competency Chart. Competencies must be met prior to student teaching
[1]**International candidates** seeking a "student visa" to study in residence in the U.S. may use EDUC 571 and EDST 590 to count as part of their residency requirement
[2]Background check clearance required (EDUC 588, 625, 656, 688; EDST 590, 591, 592, 593)
[3]EDUC 625 must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 688
[4]EDUC 656 must be taken in the same semester as EDUC 588
[5]Candidates will be assigned either EDST 590, 591, 592 or 593. Course and section number will be designated during Gate 3 Application

Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester
EDGT 520 (B-Term)	0
EDUC 504 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 510 (D-Term)	3
EDGT 560 (D-Term)	0
EDUC 623 (D-Term)	3
Total	9

Second Semester
EDUC 588 (A-Term)[1,2]	0
EDUC 606 (B-Term)	3
EDUC 656 (B-Term)[1,2]	3
Elective (D-Term)[3]	3
Total	9

Third Semester
EDUC 601 or 602 (B or D Term)[4]	3
EDUC 632 (B or D Term)	3
Total	6

Fourth Semester
EDGT 580 (A-Term)[1,2,5]	0
EDUC 688 (A-Term)[1,2]	0
EDUC 625 (B-Term)[1,2]	3
EDUC 571 (D-Term)	3
Total	6

Fifth Semester
EDST 59_ (A-Term)[1,2]	3
EDST 585 (B-term)[1,2]	3
Total	6

Notes

[1]Course should not be taken in the summer semester

[2]Background check clearance required

[3]Choose one course from the following: EDUC 635, 637, 668, or 669

[4]EDUC 601 offered in B-term only, EDUC 602 offered in D-term only

[5]Course should be taken the semester before student teaching