

Upon completion of this program plan including courses noted below, initial license/experience, and passing the required Virginia assessments, you will be eligible for a Virginia license in this program's area of endorsement. Refer to [www.liberty.edu/advisingguide](http://www.liberty.edu/advisingguide)

**LEADERSHIP CORE COURSES (9 hours)**

	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Sem</b>	<b>Grade</b>
EDUC 701      Advanced Learning Theory & Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 703      Theories of Historical & Social Foundations of Education	3	_____	_____
EDUC 741      Theories of Educational Leadership <sup>1, 2</sup>	3	_____	_____

**RESEARCH & EVALUATION CORE COURSES (15 hours)<sup>3</sup>**

EDUC 812      Advanced Educational Statistics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 815      Quantitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 817      Qualitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 919      Professional Writing & Research <sup>1, 4, 5</sup>	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>			
EDUC 915      Quantitative Analysis <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 917      Qualitative Analysis <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____

**CURRICULUM & INSTR. /SECONDARY ED. CONCENTRATION (24 hours)**

EDUC 730      Issues & Trends in Technology & Learning <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 771      Curriculum Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 871      Investigations in Curriculum Change	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	3	_____	_____

*Choose four of the following courses:*

EDUC 601      Professional Development in Middle Grades Education <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 602      Young Adolescents, Schools & Communities <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 624      Behavior Management <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 630      Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 635      Teaching Science in the Middle School <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 637      Teaching Social Studies in the Middle School <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 676      Middle Grades Curriculum & Methods <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____

**DISSERTATION COURSES (12 hours)<sup>8</sup>**

EDUC 970      Comprehensive Exam <sup>5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 980      Dissertation Prospectus <sup>5</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989      Dissertation Proposal & Research <sup>5, 9, 10</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989      Dissertation Proposal & Research <sup>5, 9, 10</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 990      Dissertation Defense <sup>5</sup>	3	_____	_____

**TOTAL HOURS      60**

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 60 hours  
 A minimum of 45 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include from a prior degree earned through Liberty  
 A maximum of 15 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree  
 3.0 GPA  
 No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree  
 Three courses required in residence<sup>1</sup>  
 Passing score on Comprehensive exam  
 Successful defense of dissertation  
 Degree must be completed within 7 years\*\*  
 Submission of Graduation Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

\*Applicants who have previously completed an Educational Specialist (Ed. S.) or equivalent degree from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education will be considered for advanced standing (up to 24 hours) in the Ed.D. program  
 Students who have earned an Ed.S. degree through Liberty are permitted to apply up to 27 hours (as applicable) from that degree toward the Ed.D.

\*\*There is a limit of 5 years for completion of the Ed.D. for students who were granted 18 hours or more of advanced standing credit from a previously completed Ed.S. or equivalent degree

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

<sup>1</sup>Course offered in Residence (EDUC 730, 741, 915, 917, 919)

<sup>2</sup>EDUC 741 must be earned with a grade of B or higher

<sup>3</sup>An educational research course equivalent to EDUC 518 is a prerequisite to the Research & Evaluation Core

<sup>4</sup>EDUC 919 should be one of the final courses in the program; must be taken after completing EDUC 815 & 817

<sup>5</sup>Background check clearance required (EDUC 919, 970, 980, 989, 990)

<sup>6</sup>Choose one of the following courses: EDUC 721, 735, 746 or 758

<sup>7</sup>Students may choose to take a 600-900 level Middle Grades Education or related content course instead. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.

<sup>8</sup>Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

<sup>9</sup>EDUC 989 must be taken a minimum of two times. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in EDUC 990 after completing the second enrollment in EDUC 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat EDUC 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in EDUC 990

<sup>10</sup>Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 989 a maximum of three times before their dissertation proposal is approved, and a maximum of nine times total. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the Assistant Dean for Doctoral Programs and Research in the School of Education

*Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

<u>First Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>First Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 701	3	EDUC 741 <sup>2,3</sup>	3
EDUC 812 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC Elective <sup>4</sup>	<u>3</u>
	Total		Total
	6		6
<u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Second Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 703	3	EDUC 771	3
EDUC Elective <sup>4</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC Elective <sup>4</sup>	<u>3</u>
	Total		Total
	6		6
<u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Third Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 815 <sup>1</sup>	3	EDUC 730 <sup>2</sup>	3
EDUC Elective <sup>4</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC 817 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
	Total		Total
	6		6
<u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Fourth Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 871	3	EDUC 915 <sup>1,2</sup> or 917 <sup>1,2</sup>	<u>3</u>
EDUC Elective <sup>5</sup>	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
	Total		Total
	6		6
<u>Fifth Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Fifth Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 919 <sup>1,2,6</sup>	3	EDUC 980 <sup>6,7</sup>	<u>3</u>
EDUC 970 <sup>6,7</sup>	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
	Total		Total
	6		6
<u>Sixth Semester (A-Term)</u>		<u>Seventh Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 989 <sup>6,7,8,9</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC 989 <sup>6,7,8,9</sup>	<u>3</u>
	Total		Total
	3		3
<u>Eighth Semester (A-Term)</u>		<u>Ninth Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 989 <sup>6,7,8,9</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC 990 <sup>6,7</sup>	<u>3</u>
	Total		Total
	3		3

**Notes**

- <sup>1</sup>An educational research course equivalent to EDUC 519 is a prerequisite to the Research Evaluation Core
- <sup>2</sup>Intensive
- <sup>3</sup>EDUC 741 must be earned with a grade of B or higher
- <sup>4</sup>Choose four courses from the following: EDUC 601, 602, 624, 630, 635, 637, 676, a 600-900 Middle Grades Education course or related content course
- <sup>5</sup>Students may choose to take a 600-900 level Middle Grades Education or related content instead. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.
- <sup>6</sup>Background check clearance required (EDUC 919, 970, 980, 989, 990)
- <sup>7</sup>Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed
- <sup>8</sup>EDUC 989 must be taken a minimum of two times. Any student who is not ready for EDUC 990 after completing the second enrollment in EDUC 989 may be required, as the student's dissertation chair, to repeat EDUC 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in EDUC 990
- <sup>9</sup>Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 989 a maximum of three times before their dissertation proposal is approved, and a maximum of nine times total.

**LICENSURE OPTIONS**

Must complete additional courses below and all coursework for Ed.D. except Dissertation courses<sup>2</sup>

**Initial Licensure** additional courses required:

- Elementary:* EDUC 530, 531, 554, 623<sup>1</sup>, 632<sup>1</sup>, 656, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II
- Middle Grades:* EDUC 623, 656, 673, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis II and choose one: EDUC 635, 637, 668 or 669
- Special Education:* EDUC 524, 525, 530, 554, 622<sup>1</sup>, 623<sup>1</sup>, student teaching, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II
- Secondary:* EDUC 539, 623<sup>1</sup>, 625, 656, 673<sup>1</sup> student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis II

**Add-on Licensure** additional courses required and Field Experience Summary (45 hours)

- Early Childhood ( for 3- and 4-year-olds ):* EDUC 501, 653, 670, must have elementary license
- Gifted:* EDUC 526, 620, 621, 627, must have initial license

**Advanced Licensure** additional courses required:

- School Counseling:* Master's Degree in Counseling; EDUC 600, 622, 33 hours of EDCE courses as listed on M.Ed. in School Counselor DCP
- Reading or Math Specialist:* EDUC 622<sup>1</sup>, 641<sup>1</sup>, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years experience  
Also for *Math:* EDUC 530, Praxis II or *Reading:* EDUC 554, 656, RVE
- School Administration:* EDUC 641<sup>1</sup>, 648, 699-A01, 742
- Additional intensive for School Administration:* EDUC 747<sup>1</sup>, must have initial license and 3 years experience

**Notes**

- <sup>1</sup>Courses offered in residency required for licensure
- <sup>2</sup>For doctoral candidates seeking licensure, EDUC 919 can be substituted for EDUC 798 in order to post EDS degree for licensure application.