

Licensure Option: Upon completion of this program plan including courses noted below<sup>6</sup>, 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)

<b>LEADERSHIP CORE COURSES (12 hours)</b>		<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Grade</b>
EDUC 701	Theories and Research in Educational Psychology	3	_____	_____
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations	3	_____	_____
EDUC 740	Leadership Principles and Ethics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 741	Theories of Educational Leadership <sup>1 &amp; 3</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b>RESEARCH AND EVALUATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)</b>				
<i>Prerequisite: An educational research course equivalent to EDUC 518</i>				
EDUC 712	Advanced Educational Statistics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 715	Quantitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 919	Professional Writing for Publication <sup>1 &amp; 5</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b>CONCENTRATION AREA COURSES (24 hours)</b>				
EDUC 742	Educational Leadership and Public Relations	3	_____	_____
EDUC 745	Systems Analysis	3	_____	_____
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolutions	3	_____	_____
EDUC 747	Advanced School Law <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 840	Issues and Trends in Educational Leadership	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	600-800 level elective course	3	_____	_____
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<i>Choose One:</i>		3	_____	_____
EDUC 848	Culture and Educational Leadership (K-12)			
EDUC 849	College and University Administration (Higher Education)			
<b>DISSERTATION (12 hours) <sup>7</sup></b>				
EDUC 970	Comprehensive Exam	0	_____	_____
EDUC 980	Dissertation Prospectus	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation Proposal and Research <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation Proposal and Research <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 990	Dissertation Defense <sup>4</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>60</b>		

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 60 semester hours  
Complete a minimum of 45 semester hours through Liberty\*  
3.0 GPA  
No more than two courses with grades of "C" <sup>3</sup>  
Degree must be completed within 7 years  
Three courses required in residency <sup>1</sup>  
Passing score on Comprehensive Exam  
Successful defense of Dissertation  
Submit Graduation Application at the beginning of the final semester

\*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.

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> Course offered in residency (EDUC 741, 747, 919).  
<sup>2</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>3</sup> EDUC 741 must be earned with a grade of B or higher.  
<sup>4</sup> EDUC 990 (dissertation defense) must be completed on campus; does not count toward residency requirements.  
<sup>5</sup> EDUC 919 should be one of the final courses in the program; must be taken after completion of EDUC 715 and 817  
<sup>6</sup> 600 level courses are K-12 focus and may require field experience. Additional courses required for licensure: EDUC 641, 648, 672, 699; may take two for 600-800 level electives. Equivalent course from master's is acceptable for EDUC 672.  
<sup>7</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.

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

### First Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 701	3
EDUC 703	<u>3</u>
Total	6

### First Semester (D-Term and/or Intensive)

EDUC 740	3
EDUC 741 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6

### Second Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 712	3
EDUC 742	<u>3</u>
Total	6

### Second Semester (D-Term)

EDUC 746	3
EDUC Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6

### Third Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 715	3
EDUC 745	<u>3</u>
Total	6

### Third Semester (D-Term and/or Intensive)

EDUC 817	3
EDUC 747 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6

### Fourth Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 840	3
EDUC Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6

### Fourth Semester (D-Term and/or Intensive)

EDUC 848 or 849	3
EDUC 919 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6

### Fifth Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 970	0
EDUC 980	<u>3</u>
Total	3

### Sixth Semester (B-Term or D-Term)

EDUC 989 <sup>3</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	3

### Seventh Semester (B-Term or D-Term)

EDUC 989 <sup>3</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	3

### Eighth Semester (B-Term or D-Term)

EDUC 989 <sup>3</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	3

### Ninth Semester

EDUC 990	<u>3</u>
Total	3

#### **Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>Courses offered in residency

<sup>2</sup>Choose a 600-800 level elective

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Additional courses required for *School Administration licensure*: EDUC 641<sup>1</sup>, 648, 672, 699-A01; may be taken for 600-800 level elective. Equivalent course from master's is acceptable for EDUC 672.