

Licensure Option: Upon completion of this program plan including courses noted below⁶, 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

LEADERSHIP CORE COURSES (12 hours)		Hrs	Semester	Grade
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 ^{1 & 3}	3	_____	_____
RESEARCH AND EVALUATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)				
<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 and Research ^{1 & 5}	3	_____	_____
CONCENTRATION AREA COURSES (24 hours)				
EDUC 721	Researching Issues and Trends in Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDUC 730	Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolutions	3	_____	_____
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 871	Investigations in Curriculum Change	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	600-800 level elective course ⁸	3	_____	_____
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<i>Choose One:</i>		3	_____	_____
EDUC 735	Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning (K-12)			
EDUC 758	Teaching the College Student			
DISSERTATION (12 hours) ⁷				
EDUC 970	Comprehensive Exam	0	_____	_____
EDUC 980	Dissertation Prospectus	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation Proposal and Research ²	3	_____	_____
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EDUC 990	Dissertation Defense ⁴	3	_____	_____
TOTAL HOURS		60		

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 semester hours
 - Complete a minimum of 45 semester hours through Liberty*
 - 3.0 GPA
 - No grades of C or D may be applied to the degree
 - Degree must be completed within 7 years
 - Three courses required in residency ¹
 - 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

- ¹ Courses offered in residency. (EDUC 741, 730, 919)
- ² 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.
- ³ EDUC 741 must be earned with a grade of "B" or higher
- ⁴ EDUC 990 (dissertation defense) must be completed on campus; does not count toward residency requirements.
- ⁵ EDUC 919 should be one of the final courses in the program; must be taken after completion of EDUC 715 and 817.
- ⁶ 600-level courses are K-12 focus and may require field experience. Additional courses required for licensure are listed under the suggested course sequence notes.
- ⁷ Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.
- ⁸ EDUC 718 may not be used as an elective in the Doctor of Education

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 ¹	<u>3</u>
Total	6

Second Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 712	3
EDUC 721	<u>3</u>
Total	6

Second Semester (D-Term)

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

Third Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 715	3
EDUC 771	<u>3</u>
Total	6

Third Semester (D-Term and/or Intensive)

EDUC 817	3
EDUC 730 ¹	<u>3</u>
Total	6

Fourth Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 735 or 758	3
EDUC Elective ²	<u>3</u>
Total	6

Fourth Semester (D-Term and/or Intensive)

EDUC 871	3
EDUC 919 ¹	<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 ³	<u>3</u>
Total	3

Seventh Semester (B-Term or D-Term)

EDUC 989 ³	<u>3</u>
Total	3

Eighth Semester (B-Term or D-Term)

EDUC 989 ³	<u>3</u>
Total	3

Eighth Semester

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

Notes:

¹Courses offered in residency

²Choose a 600-800 elective

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Additional courses required for **Initial Licensure** may be taken for 600-800 level elective.

ALL: EDUC 590, 591, 592 or 593 Student teaching

Elementary: EDUC 530, 531, 554, 556, 623¹, 632¹

Special education: EDUC 524, 525, 530, 554, 622¹, 623¹

Secondary: EDUC 535, 556, 623¹, 673¹, 695 or graduate content course

Additional courses required for **Advanced Licensure**

School Counseling: EDUC 622¹, 660, 661¹, 699-A02 and 21 hours of COUN courses equivalent to M.Ed. courses.

Program Specialist: EDUC 622¹, 641¹, 650, 652, 699-A03 and choose ONE: EDUC 530(math) or 554 & 556(reading) or 627(gifted) or 670(early childhood)