

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 717	Qualitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 719	Professional Writing for Publication <sup>1 &amp; 5</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b>CONCENTRATION AREA COURSES (24 hours)</b>				
EDUC 721	Issues and Trends in Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDUC 730	Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolutions	3	_____	_____
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 871	Investigations in Curriculum Change	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	600-800 level elective course	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	600-800 level elective course	3	_____	_____
<b>Choose One:</b>		3	_____	_____
EDUC 735	Issues and Trends in Teaching and Learning (K-12)			
EDUC 758	Teaching the College Student			
<b>DISSERTATION (12 hours) <sup>7</sup></b>				
EDUC 970	Comprehensive Exam	0	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation Proposal and Research <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
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EDUC 990	Dissertation Defense <sup>4</sup>	6	_____	_____
<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"
- 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.

**Notes**

- <sup>1</sup> Courses offered in residency. (EDUC 741, 730, 719)
- <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 719 should be one of the final courses in the program; must be taken after completion of EDUC 715 and 717.
- <sup>6</sup> 600-level courses are K-12 focus and may require field experience. Additional courses required for licensure by program; may take two for 600-800 level electives
  - School Counseling: EDUC 622<sup>1</sup>, 660, 661<sup>1</sup>, 699-A02 and 21 hours of COUN courses equivalent to M.Ed. courses
  - Program Specialist: EDUC 622<sup>1</sup>, 641<sup>1</sup>, 650, 652, 699-A03 and choose ONE: - EDUC 530 or 554&556 or 627 or 670
- <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.