

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

LEADERSHIP CORE COURSES (12 hours)

	Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 701 Advanced Learning Theory & Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 703 Theories of Historical & Social Foundations of Education	3	_____	_____
EDUC 740 Leadership Principles & Ethics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 741 Theories of Educational Leadership ^{1, 2}	3	_____	_____

RESEARCH & EVALUATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)³

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 ^{1, 4, 5}	3	_____	_____

EDUCATIONAL LAW CONCENTRATION (24 hours)

EDUC _____ ^{6, 7}	3	_____	_____
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Choose fifteen credits from the following courses:

LAW 601 Family Law	3	_____	_____
LAW 605 Children & the Law Seminar	2	_____	_____
LAW 648 Law of Nonprofits ⁸	2	_____	_____
LAW 661 Intellectual Property	3	_____	_____
LAW 705 First Amendment Law Seminar	2	_____	_____
LAW 725 School Law Seminar	2	_____	_____
LAW 781 Employment Law	3	_____	_____
LAW 785 Land Use & Zoning	3	_____	_____

Choose one of the following courses:

EDUC 742 Educational Leadership & Public Relations	3	_____	_____
EDUC 745 Organizational Analysis & Problem Solving for Educators	3	_____	_____

Choose one of the following courses:

EDUC 848 Culture & Educational Leadership	3	_____	_____
EDUC 849 College & University Administration	3	_____	_____

DISSERTATION COURSES (12 hours)⁹

EDUC 970 Comprehensive Exam ⁵			
EDUC 980 Dissertation Prospectus	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989 Dissertation Proposal & Research ^{5, 10, 11}	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989 Dissertation Proposal & Research ^{5, 10, 11}	3	_____	_____
EDUC 990 Dissertation Defense ^{5, 12}	3	_____	_____

TOTAL HOURS 60

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Course offered in Residence (EDUC 741, 919)

²EDUC 741 must be earned with a grade of B or higher.

³An educational research course equivalent to EDUC 518 is a prerequisite to the Research and Evaluation Core.

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

⁵Background check clearance required (EDUC 919, 970, 989, 990)

⁶Choose any 700-800 level course except EDUC 798 which may not be used as an elective in the Ed.D

⁷Additional courses required for licensure and may be taken for 700-800 level elective

⁸May be satisfied as an independent study if necessary

⁹Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

¹⁰EDUC 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

¹¹Ed.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 Associate Dean for Advanced Programs in the School of Education

¹²EDUC 990 must be completed on campus and does not count toward residency requirements

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Graduation Requirements

Complete 60 hours

A minimum of 45 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits 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

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

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>First Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>First Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 701	3	EDUC 740	3
EDUC 703	<u>3</u>	EDUC 741 ¹	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Second Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 812	3	EDUC 817	3
EDUC 815	<u>3</u>	EDUC Elective ²	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Third Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 742 or 745	3	EDUC 919 ¹	3
EDUC 848 or 849	<u>3</u>	EDUC 970	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Fourth Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 980	3	EDUC 989 ^{3,4}	3
	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Fifth Semester (B or D-Term)</u>		 <u>Sixth Semester (B or D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 989 ^{3,4}	<u>3</u>	EDUC 989 ^{3,4}	<u>3</u>
Total	3	Total	3
 <u>Seventh Semester (B or D-Term)</u>			
EDUC 990	<u>3</u>		
Total	3		

Notes

¹Intensive

²Choose a 700-800 elective

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Students who have previously obtained a J.D. from Liberty University may use conferred LAW credit towards the completion of this degree. Students who do not have a sufficient number of applicable LAW credits must take additional LAW electives to fulfill the requirement.