

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. /ELEMENTARY 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 _____	_____ <sup>6</sup>	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose four of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 620	Organization & Design of Gifted Education Programs <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 624	Behavior Management <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 630	Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School <sup>7</sup>	3	_____	_____

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

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

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