

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)

<b><u>LEADERSHIP CORE COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>		<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Semester</b>	<b>Grade</b>
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 <sup>1, 2</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>RESEARCH &amp; EVALUATION CORE COURSES (12 hours)<sup>3</sup></u></b>				
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>4, 4, 5</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>CURRICULUM &amp; INSTRUCTION CONCENTRATION (24 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 721	Issues & Trends in Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolution	3	_____	_____
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 871	Investigations in Curriculum Change	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	_____ <sup>6, 7</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	_____ <sup>6, 7</sup>	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 730	Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 915	Quantitative Analysis <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 917	Qualitative Analysis <sup>1</sup>	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 735	Issues & Trends in Teaching & Learning	3	_____	_____
EDUC 758	Teaching the College Student	3	_____	_____
<b><u>DISSERTATION COURSES (12 hours)<sup>8</sup></u></b>				
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	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation Proposal & Research <sup>5, 9, 10</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 990	Dissertation Defense <sup>5</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>60</b>		

**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  
 Three courses required in residence\*  
 Passing score on Comprehensive exam  
 Successful defense of dissertation  
 Degree must be completed within 7 years\*\*  
 Please submit a Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office 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.

\*\*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**

<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 any 600-800 level course except EDUC 798 which may not be used an elective in the Ed.D.

<sup>7</sup>600-level courses are K-12 focus and may require field experience. Additional courses required for licensure are listed on the following page and may be taken for 600-800 level elective.

<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.

### SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>First Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>First Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 701	3	EDUC 740	3
EDUC 812	<u>3</u>	EDUC 741 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Second Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 703	3	EDUC 746	3
EDUC 721	<u>3</u>	EDUC Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Third Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 815	3	EDUC 817	3
EDUC 771	<u>3</u>	EDUC 730 <sup>1</sup> , 915 <sup>1</sup> or 917 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Fourth Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 735 or 758	3	EDUC 871	3
EDUC Elective <sup>2</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC 919 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Fifth Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Sixth Semester (B or D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 970	3	EDUC 989 <sup>3,4</sup>	<u>3</u>
EDUC 980	<u>3</u>	Total	3
Total	6		
 <u>Seventh Semester (B or D-Term)</u>		 <u>Eighth Semester (B or D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 989 <sup>3,4</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC 989 <sup>3,4</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	3	Total	3
 <u>Ninth Semester</u>			
EDUC 990	<u>3</u>		
Total	3		

#### **Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Intensive

<sup>2</sup>Choose a 600-800 elective except EDUC 798

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### LICENSURE OPTIONS

Must complete additional courses below and all coursework for Ed.D. except Dissertation courses<sup>2</sup>

**Initial Licensure** additional courses required:

**Elementary:** EDUC 530, 531, 554, 623<sup>1</sup>, 632<sup>1</sup>, 656, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II

**Middle Grades:** EDUC 623, 656, 673, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis II and choose one:

EDUC 635, 637, 668 or 669

**Special Education:** EDUC 524, 525, 530, 554, 622<sup>1</sup>, 623<sup>1</sup>, student teaching, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II

**Secondary:** EDUC 539, 623<sup>1</sup>, 625, 656, 673<sup>1</sup> student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis II

**Add-on Licensure** additional courses required and Field Experience Summary (45 hours)

**Early Childhood (for 3- and 4-year-olds):** EDUC 501, 653, 670, must have elementary license

**Gifted:** EDUC 526, 620, 621, 627, must have initial license

**Advanced Licensure** additional courses required:

**School Counseling:** Master's Degree in Counseling; EDUC 600, 622, 33 hours of EDCE courses as listed on M.Ed. in School Counselor DCP

**Reading or Math Specialist:** EDUC 622<sup>1</sup>, 641<sup>1</sup>, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years experience

Also for **Math:** EDUC 530, Praxis II or **Reading:** EDUC 554, 656, RVE

**School Administration:** EDUC 641<sup>1</sup>, 648, 672, 699-A01; equivalent course from master's accepted for EDUC 672

**Additional intensive for School Administration:** EDUC 747<sup>1</sup>, must have initial license and 3 years experience

#### **Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Courses offered in residency required for licensure

<sup>2</sup>For doctoral candidates seeking licensure, EDUC 919 can be substituted for EDUC 798 in order to post EDS degree for licensure application.