

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

<u>LEADERSHIP CORE COURSES (9 hours)</u>		<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Grade</u>
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory & Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical & Social Foundations of Education	3	_____	_____
EDUC 741	Theories of Educational Leadership ^{1, 2}	3	_____	_____
<u>RESEARCH & EVALUATION CORE COURSES (15 hours)³</u>				
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	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 915	Quantitative Analysis ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 917	Qualitative Analysis ¹	3	_____	_____
<u>CURRIC. & INSTR./SPECIAL ED. CONCENTRATION (24 hours)</u>				
EDUC 721	Issues & Trends in Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDUC 730	Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 871	Investigations in Curriculum Change	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose four of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 620	Organization & Design of Gifted Ed. Programs ⁶	3	_____	_____
EDUC 621	Educational Assessment for Special Needs ⁶	3	_____	_____
EDUC 624	Behavior Management ⁶	3	_____	_____
EDUC 629	Technology & Diversity ⁶	3	_____	_____
EDUC 630	Technology Practices for Instructional Improvement ⁶	3	_____	_____
<u>DISSERTATION COURSES (12 hours)⁷</u>				
EDUC 970	Comprehensive Exam ⁵			
EDUC 980	Dissertation Prospectus ⁵	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation Proposal & Research ^{5, 8, 9}	3	_____	_____
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EDUC 990	Dissertation Defense ⁵	3	_____	_____
TOTAL HOURS		60		

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 Residence¹
 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

¹Course offered in Residence (EDUC 730, 741, 915, 917, 919)
²An educational research course equivalent to EDUC 518 is a prerequisite to the Research & Evaluation Core.
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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, 980, 989, 990)
⁶Students may choose to take a 600-900 level Special Education or related content course instead. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.
⁷Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.
⁸EDUC 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.
⁹Ed.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)</u>	
EDUC 701	3	EDUC 741 ¹	3
EDUC 812	<u>3</u>	EDUC Elective ^{2,3}	<u>3</u>
	Total 6		Total 6
 <u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Second Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 703	3	EDUC 771	3
EDUC 721	<u>3</u>	EDUC Elective ^{2,3}	<u>3</u>
	Total 6		Total 6
 <u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Third Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 815	3	EDUC 730 ¹	3
EDUC Elective ^{2,3}	<u>3</u>	EDUC 817	<u>3</u>
	Total 6		Total 6
 <u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Fourth Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 871	3	EDUC 915 ¹ or 917 ¹	<u>3</u>
EDUC Elective ^{2,3}	<u>3</u>		Total 3
	Total 6		
 <u>Fifth Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Fifth Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 919 ⁴	3	EDUC 980	<u>3</u>
EDUC 970	<u>3</u>		Total 3
	Total 6		
 <u>Sixth Semester (A-Term)</u>		 <u>Seventh Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 989 ^{4,5}	<u>3</u>	EDUC 989 ^{4,5}	<u>3</u>
	Total 3		Total 3
 <u>Eighth Semester (A-Term)</u>		 <u>Ninth Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 989 ^{4,5}	<u>3</u>	EDUC 990	<u>3</u>
	Total 3		Total 3

Notes

¹Intensive

²Choose four courses from the following: EDUC 620, 621, 624, 629, 630, a 600-900 level Special Education course or related content course.

³600-900 level Special Education and related content courses must be approved by the School of Education.

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LICENSURE OPTIONS

Must complete additional courses below and all coursework for Ed.D. except Dissertation courses²

Initial Licensure additional courses required:

Elementary: EDUC 530, 531, 554, 556, 623¹, 632¹, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II

Special Education: EDUC 524, 525, 530, 554, 622¹, 623¹, student teaching, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II

Secondary: EDUC 535, 539, 556, 623¹, 673¹ 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 622¹, 641¹, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years experience

Also for **Math:** EDUC 530, Praxis II or **Reading:** EDUC 554, 556, RVE

School Administration: EDUC 641¹, 648, 672, 699-A01; equivalent course from master's accepted for EDUC 672

Additional intensive for School Administration: EDUC 747¹, must have initial license and 3 years experience

Notes

¹Courses offered in residency required for licensure

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