This is a non-licensure degree and is not a state approved program. Completion of this degree will not lead to the eligibility of a VA state teaching license or a teaching license or certificate in any other state. If you would like to be eligible for a VA state teaching license or work through reciprocity guidelines to be eligible for a license or certificate in another state, you must complete the coursework for this degree and the additional classes and requirements that are listed in the Notes section of the DCP. Refer to www.liberty.edu/advisingguide.

**EDUCATION THEORY COURSES (6 hours)**
- EDUC 701 Advanced Learning Theory & Research: 3 Hrs
- EDUC 703 Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations: 3 Hrs

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION CORE (12 hours)**
Choose four of the following courses:
- EDUC 730 Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies\(^1\): 3 Hrs
- EDUC 735 Issues & Trends in Curriculum & Instruction: 3 Hrs
- EDUC 771 Curriculum Theory: 3 Hrs
- EDUC 871 Investigations in Curriculum Change: 3 Hrs
- EDUC 872 Research in Curriculum Design & Development: 3 Hrs

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)**
- EDUC 659 Foundation & Theories of Literacy Instruction: 3 Hrs
Choose two of the following courses:
- EDUC 624 Instructional Methods for Behavior & Learning\(^2\): 3 Hrs
- EDUC 672 Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary)\(^2\): 3 Hrs
- EDUC 675 Elementary Curriculum & Methods\(^2\): 3 Hrs

**RESEARCH & EVALUATION COURSES (12 hours)**
- EDUC 750 Survey of Educational Research\(^3\): 3 Hrs
- EDUC 816 Applied Research Methods: 3 Hrs
- EDUC 850 Literature Review for Applied Research: 3 Hrs
- EDUC 880 Applied Research Concepts & Methodology\(^4\): 3 Hrs

**CAPSTONE (15 hours)**\(^5\)
- EDUC 887 Capstone I\(^6\): 5 Hrs
- EDUC 888 Capstone II\(^6\): 5 Hrs
- EDUC 889 Capstone III\(^6\): 5 Hrs
- EDUC 890 Capstone IV\(^7\): 0 Hrs

**TOTAL HOURS** 54

**Graduation Requirements**
Complete 54 hours
A minimum of 39 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
Successful completion of Capstone Project
Degree must be completed within 7 years**
Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student’s anticipated graduation date

**Notes**
All applicable prerequisites must be met
\(^1\)Intensive Format optional
\(^2\)If seeking licensure, students may choose to take 600 level courses on ‘Licensure Options’ section on Course Sequence page. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.
\(^3\)A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750
\(^4\)EDUC 880 must be the final course taken before enrolling in Capstone courses
\(^5\)Once the student enters the Capstone phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.
\(^6\)Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 887, 888, 889 a maximum of two times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education.
\(^7\)Enrollment in EDUC 890 is contingent on School of Education approval

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**Notes**

1. Choose from the following courses: EDUC 624, 672, or 675
2. If seeking licensure, students may choose to take 600 level courses in ‘Licensure options’ section. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.
3. Choose from the following courses: EDUC 730, 735, 771, 871, or 872

**LICENSURE OPTIONS**

Must complete additional courses below and all coursework for Ed.D. except Capstone courses$^2$

**Initial Licensure** additional courses required:
- *Elementary:* EDUC 530, 554, 606, 623$^1$, 632$^1$, 634, 636, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE
- Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education, Praxis Subject Assessment
- *Special Education:* EDUC 521, 524, 525, 530, 554, 571, 606, 622$^1$, 623$^3$, student teaching, VCLA, RVE
- Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education, Praxis Subject Assessment
- *Secondary:* EDUC 539, 571, 606, 623$^1$, 625, 656, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis Subject Assessment

**Add-on Licensure** additional courses required and Field Experience Summary (45 hours)
- *Early Childhood (for 3- and 4-year-olds):* EDUC 501, 598, 653, 670, must have elementary license
- *Gifted:* EDUC 526, 598, 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, 641$^1$, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years’ experience
  - Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education, Praxis Subject Assessment or Reading: EDUC 556, 659, RVE
  - Reading for Virginia Educators: Reading Specialist
- *Building-level School Administration:* EDUC 641$^1$, 648, 672, 740, 741, 742, 747$^1$, 699-A01; any graduate-level curriculum course may substitute for 672; must have initial license and 3 years’ experience

**Notes**

1. Intensive Format optional
2. For doctoral candidates seeking licensure, EDUC 880 can be substituted for EDUC 798 in order to post EDS degree for licensure application.