

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)

	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
EDUC 701 Advanced Learning Theory & Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 703 Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations			
or EDUC 741 Theories of Educational Leadership ¹	3	_____	_____

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION CORE (15 hours)

EDUC 730 Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 735 Issues & Trends in Curriculum & Instruction	3	_____	_____
EDUC 771 Curriculum Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 871 Investigations in Curriculum Change	3	_____	_____
EDUC 872 Research in Curriculum Design & Development	3	_____	_____

SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)

EDUC 721 Issues & Trends in Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose two of the following courses:</i>			
EDUC 620 Organization & Design of Gifted Ed. Programs ²	3	_____	_____
EDUC 621 Educational Assessment for Special Needs ²	3	_____	_____
EDUC 624 Instructional Methods for Behavior & Learning ²	3	_____	_____
EDUC 629 Technology & Diversity ²	3	_____	_____

RESEARCH & EVALUATION COURSES (15 hours)

EDUC 760 Literature Review for Education Research ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 919 Professional Writing & Research ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 980 Research Concepts & Methodology ³	3	_____	_____
<i>Applied Research Track</i>			
EDUC 750 Survey of Educational Research ⁴	3	_____	_____
EDUC 816 Applied Research Methods ⁴	3	_____	_____

DISSERTATION (15 hours)⁵

EDUC 987 Dissertation Prospectus & Research ⁶	5	_____	_____
EDUC 988 Dissertation Proposal & Research ⁶	5	_____	_____
EDUC 989 Dissertation Writing & Research ⁶	5	_____	_____
EDUC 990 Dissertation Defense	0	_____	_____

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
Successful defense of dissertation
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
*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

Program Offered in Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met
¹Intensive Format optional
²If seeking licensure, student 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
³EDUC 980 should be the final course before enrolling in dissertation courses
⁴Ed.D. students who wish to do a quantitative research track must enroll in EDUC 812 and 815 instead of EDUC 750 and 816. Ed.D. students who want to do a qualitative research track must take EDUC 816 and enroll in EDUC 817 instead of EDUC 750
⁵Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed
⁶Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 987, 988, 989 a maximum of two times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education.
Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>First Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>First Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 701	3	EDUC Elective ^{1,2}	3
EDUC 703 or 741	<u>3</u>	EDUC 771	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Second Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 721	3	EDUC 730	3
EDUC Elective ^{1,2}	<u>3</u>	EDUC 735	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Third Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 750 ^{3,4}	3	EDUC 760 ⁴	3
EDUC 871	<u>3</u>	EDUC 872	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Fourth Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 816 ³	<u>3</u>	EDUC 919	<u>3</u>
Total	3	Total	3
<u>Fifth Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Sixth Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 980 ⁵	3	EDUC 987 ⁶	5
Total	3	Total	5
<u>Seventh Semester (A-Term)</u>		<u>Eighth Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 988 ⁶	5	EDUC 989 ⁶	5
Total	5	Total	5
<u>Ninth Semester (A-Term)</u>			
EDUC 990 ⁷	0		
Total	0		

Notes

¹Choose from the following courses: EDUC 620, 621, 624, or 629

²If seeking licensure, student may choose to take 600 level courses in 'Licensure Options' section. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.

³Ed.D. students who wish to do a quantitative research track must enroll in EDUC 812 and 815 instead of EDUC 750 and 816. Ed.D. students who want to do a qualitative research track must take EDUC 816 and enroll in EDUC 817 instead of EDUC 750

⁴A minimum of 20 doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750 and 760

⁵EDUC 980 should be the final course before enrolling in dissertation courses

⁶Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 987, 988, 989 a maximum of two times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education.

⁷Enrollment in EDUC 990 is contingent on School of Education approval to schedule the final defense

LICENSURE OPTIONS

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

Initial Licensure additional courses required:

Elementary: EDUC 530, 554, 571, 606, 623¹, 632¹, 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, 622¹, 623¹, student teaching, VCLA, RVE- Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education, Praxis Subject Assessment

Secondary: EDUC 539, 571, 606, 623¹, 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 622¹, 641¹, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years' experience Also for **Math:** EDUC 530, Praxis Subject Assessment or **Reading:** EDUC 556, 659, RVE- Reading for Virginia Educators: Reading Specialist

Building-level School Administration: EDUC 641¹, 648, 672, 740, 741, 742, 747¹, 699-A01; any graduate-level curriculum course may substitute for 672; must have initial license and 3 years' experience

Notes

¹Intensive Format optional

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