

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 (12 hours)</u>		Hrs	Semester	Grade
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 ^{1, 2}	3	_____	_____
<u>RESEARCH & EVALUATION CORE COURSES (12 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	_____	_____
<u>EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION (24 hours)</u>				
EDUC 742	Educational Leadership & Public Relations	3	_____	_____
EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis & Problem Solving for Educators	3	_____	_____
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolution	3	_____	_____
EDUC 840	Issues & Trends in Educational Leadership	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	_____ ^{6, 7}	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	_____ ^{6, 7}	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 747	Advanced School Law ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 915	Quantitative Analysis ¹	3	_____	_____
EDUC 917	Qualitative Analysis ¹	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose one of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 848	Culture & Educational Leadership	3	_____	_____
EDUC 849	College & University Administration	3	_____	_____
<u>DISSERTATION COURSES (12 hours)⁸</u>				
EDUC 970	Comprehensive Exam ⁵			
EDUC 980	Dissertation Prospectus ⁵	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation Proposal & Research ^{5, 9, 10}	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 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

¹Course offered in Residence (EDUC 741, 747, 915, 917, 919)
²EDUC 741 must be earned with a grade of B or higher
³An educational research course equivalent to EDUC 518 is a prerequisite to the Research & Evaluation Core.
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)
⁶Choose any 600-800 level course except EDUC 798 which may not be used as an elective in the Ed.D.
⁷600-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.
⁸Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.
⁹EDUC 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.
¹⁰Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 989 a maximum of three 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 ¹	<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 742	<u>3</u>	EDUC Elective ²	<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 745	<u>3</u>	EDUC 747 ¹ , 915 ¹ or 917 ¹	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Fourth Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 840	3	EDUC 848 or 849	3
EDUC Elective ²	<u>3</u>	EDUC 919 ¹	<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 ^{3,4}	<u>3</u>
EDUC 980	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Seventh Semester (B or D-Term)</u>		 <u>Eighth Semester (B or D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 989 ^{3,4}	3	EDUC 989 ^{3,4}	3
Total	3	Total	3
 <u>Ninth Semester</u>			
EDUC 990	<u>3</u>		
Total	3		

Notes

¹Intensive

²Choose 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 courses²

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

Initial Licensure additional courses required: EDUC 721, 771 and *courses listed below*

Elementary: EDUC 530, 531, 554, 623¹, 632¹, 656, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II

Middles 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, 622¹, 623¹, student teaching, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II

Secondary: EDUC 539, 623¹, 625, 656, 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: EDUC 721, 771 and *courses listed below*

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, 656, RVE

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.