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. Please consult www.liberty.edu/advisingguide for licensure information and requirements.

- **EDUCATION THEORY COURSES (6 hours)**
  - **EDUC 701** Advanced Learning Theory & Research
  - **Choose one of the following courses:**
    - **EDUC 703** Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations
    - **EDUC 741** Theories of Educational Leadership

- **CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION CORE (9 hours)**
  - **Choose three of the following courses:**
    - **EDUC 730** Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies
    - **EDUC 735** Issues & Trends in Curriculum & Instruction
    - **EDUC 771** Curriculum Theory
    - **EDUC 871** Investigations in Curriculum Change
    - **EDUC 872** Research in Curriculum Design & Development

- **SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)**
  - **Choose two of the following courses:**
    - **EDUC 620** Organization & Design of Gifted Ed. Programs
    - **EDUC 621** Educational Assessment for Special Needs
    - **EDUC 624** Instructional Methods for Behavior & Learning
    - **EDUC 629** Technology & Diversity

- **RESEARCH & EVALUATION COURSES (6 hours)**
  - **EDUC 750** Survey of Educational Research
  - **EDUC 798** Advanced Research & Writing

**TOTAL HOURS** 30

**Graduation Requirements**
- Complete 30 hours
- A minimum of 24 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty University.
- A maximum of 6 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty University, may be applied to the degree.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.
- No more than one grade of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Degree must be completed within 5 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
- Intensive Format optional
- Capstone course to be taken in final semester
- If seeking licensure, student may choose to take 600 level courses on “Licensure options” section on the Course Sequence page. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.

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### SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

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**Notes**

1. Choose from the following courses: EDUC 620, 621, 624, or 629
2. If seeking licensure, student may choose to take 600 level courses on ‘Licensure options’ section on the Course Sequence page. These courses must be approved by the School of Education
3. Intensive Format optional
4. Choose one course from the following: EDUC 730, 735, 771, 871, or 872
5. Course should be taken in final semester

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### LICENSURE OPTIONS

Must complete DCP for EdS, and additional courses below

**Initial Licensure** additional courses required:
- **Elementary**: EDUC 530, 554, 571, 606, 623<sup>3</sup>, 632<sup>3</sup>, 634, 636, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE, Praxis Subject Assessment
- **Special Education**: EDUC 521, 524, 525, 530, 554, 571, 622<sup>1</sup>, 623<sup>1</sup>, student teaching, VCLA, RVE, Praxis Subject Assessment
- **Secondary**: EDUC 539, 556, 571, 606, 623<sup>1</sup>, 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, 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>3</sup>, 641<sup>3</sup>, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years’ experience
- **Also for Math**: EDUC 530, Praxis II or **Reading**: EDUC 656, 659, RVE (Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education or Reading for Virginia Educators: Reading Specialist)
- **Building-level School Administration**: EDUC 641, 648, 672, 740, 741, 742, 747, 699-A01; any graduate-level curriculum course may substitute for 672; must have initial license and 3 years’ experience

**Note**

1. Intensive Format optional