

This is a non-licensure degree. Completion of this degree will not lead to the eligibility of a state educator license in Virginia or a license or certificate in any other state for endorsements in teaching, special education, content specialist, or school building-level administration.

#### **EDUCATION ELECTIVE COURSES (21 hours)<sup>1</sup>**

		<b><u>Hrs</u></b>	<b><u>Sem</u></b>	<b><u>Grade</u></b>
EDUC _____	2	3	_____	_____
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EDUC _____	2	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	2	3	_____	_____
EDUC _____	2	3	_____	_____

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)<sup>1</sup>**

Choose three of the following courses:

EDSP 722	History & Future of Special Education	3	_____	_____
EDSP 724	Collaboration & Communication in Special Education	3	_____	_____
EDSP 725	Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education	3	_____	_____
EDSP 726	Disability & Learning	3	_____	_____
EDUC 721	Issues & Trends in Exceptionality	3	_____	_____

#### **RESEARCH COURSES (9 hours)<sup>1</sup>**

EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____

#### **DISSERTATION COURSES (21 hours)<sup>3</sup>**

EDDR 915	Quantitative Dissertation Topic & Planning			
or EDDR 917	Qualitative Dissertation Topic & Planning	3	_____	_____
EDDR 980	Quantitative Dissertation Prospectus			
or EDDR 981	Qualitative Dissertation Prospectus	3	_____	_____
EDDR 987	Dissertation & Research I <sup>4</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDDR 988	Dissertation & Research II <sup>4</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDDR 989	Dissertation & Research III <sup>4</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDDR 990	Dissertation & Research IV	0	_____	_____

**TOTAL HOURS      60**

#### **Graduation Requirements**

Complete 60 hours

A minimum of 21 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include from a prior degree earned through Liberty

A maximum of 39 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 5 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

**Offered in Online Format**

#### **Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

<sup>1</sup>Equivalent courses from a conferred Ed.D. or Ph.D. from a regionally accredited institution, including credit from an Ed.D. or Ph.D. previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree. Only 15 credit hours of Graduate Level (500-600) courses may be transferred, all other courses must be Doctoral Level (700-900).

<sup>2</sup>Choose a 500-800 level EDUC course not already required by the degree.

<sup>3</sup>Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.

<sup>4</sup>Ph.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDDR 987, 988, and 989, one time. 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 Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	3	EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Second Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	3	EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	3
EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>	<u>3</u>	Cognate Elective <sup>3</sup>	3
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Third Semester (D-Term)</u>	
Cognate Elective <sup>3</sup>	3	Cognate Elective <sup>3</sup>	3
EDUC 812 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDUC 815 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
 <u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		 <u>Fourth Semester (D-Term)<sup>4</sup></u>	
EDUC 817 <sup>1</sup>	<u>3</u>	EDDR 915 or 917	<u>3</u>
Total	3	Total	3
 <u>Fifth Semester (B-Term)<sup>4</sup></u>		 <u>Sixth Semester (A-Term)<sup>4</sup></u>	
EDDR 980 or 981	<u>3</u>	EDDR 987 <sup>5</sup>	<u>5</u>
Total	3	Total	5
 <u>Seventh Semester (A-Term)<sup>4</sup></u>		 <u>Eighth Semester (A-Term)<sup>4</sup></u>	
EDDR 988 <sup>5</sup>	<u>5</u>	EDDR 989 <sup>5</sup>	5
Total	5	EDDR 990	<u>0</u>
		Total	5

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<sup>3</sup>Choose one of the following courses: EDSP 722, 724, 725, 726, or EDUC 721.

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