U N I V E R S I T Y. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Advanced Educational Studies (Ph.D.)

Special Education Cognate

2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

EDUC EDUC EDUC EDUC EDUC	ELECTIVE COURSES (21 hours) ¹ 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	Hrs 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
	JCATION COGNATE (9 hours) ¹			
	the following courses:	2		
EDSP 722 EDSP 724	History & Future of Special Education Collaboration & Communication in Special Education	3 3		
EDSP 724 EDSP 725	Assessment & Evaluation in Special Education	3		
EDSP 726	Disability & Learning	3		
EDUC 721	Issues & Trends in Exceptionality	3		
RESEARCH C EDUC 812 EDUC 815 EDUC 817	COURSES (9 hours) ¹ Advanced Educational Statistics Quantitative Methods of Research Qualitative Methods of Research	3 3 3		
DISSERTATI	ON COURSES (21 hours) ³			
EDDR 915 <u>or</u> EDDR 917 EDDR 980	Quantitative Dissertation Topic & Planning Qualitative Dissertation Topic & Planning Quantitative Dissertation Prospectus	3		
or EDDR 980	Qualitative Dissertation Prospectus	3		
EDDR 987	Dissertation & Research I ⁴	5		
EDDR 988	Dissertation & Research II ⁴	5		
EDDR 989	Dissertation & Research III ⁴	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

¹Equivalent 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).

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

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

⁴Ph.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.

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester (B-Term)			First Semester (D-Term)		
EDUC Elective ^{1,2} EDUC Elective ^{1,2}	Total	3 <u>3</u> 6	EDUC Elective ^{1,2} EDUC Elective ^{1,2}	Total	3 <u>3</u> 6
Second Semester (B-Term) EDUC Elective ^{1,2} EDUC Elective ^{1,2}	Total	3 <u>3</u> 6	Second Semester (D-Term) EDUC Elective ^{1,2} Cognate Elective ³	Total	3 3 6
Third Semester (B-Term)			Third Semester (D-Term)		
Cognate Elective ³ EDUC 812 ¹	Total	3 <u>3</u> 6	Cognate Elective ³ EDUC 815 ¹	Total	3 <u>3</u> 6
Fourth Semester (B-Term)			Fourth Semester (D-Term) ⁴		
EDUC 817 ¹	Total	$\frac{3}{3}$	EDDR 915 or 917	Total	<u>3</u> 3
Fifth Semester (B-Term) ⁴			Sixth Semester (A-Term) ⁴		
EDDR 980 or 981	Total	<u>3</u> 3	EDDR 987⁵	Total	<u>5</u> 5
Seventh Semester (A-Term) ⁴			Eighth Semester (A-Term) ⁴		
EDDR 988 ⁵	Total	<u>5</u> 5	EDDR 989 ⁵ EDDR 990	Total	5 <u>0</u> 5

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

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