LIBERTY UNIVERSITY.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Ph.D.)
Curriculum and Instruction Concentration
2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

EDUCATION CORE COURSES (9 hours)		**Hrs**	**Sem**	**Grade**
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory & Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations	3	_____	_____
EDUC 730	Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies[1]			
or EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis & Problem Solving	3	_____	_____
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION CONCENTRATION (18 hours)				
EDUC 721	Issues & Trends in Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
EDUC 735	Issues & Trends in Curriculum & Instruction	3	_____	_____
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	3	_____	_____
EDUC 848	Culture & Educational Leadership			
EDUC 871	Investigations in Curriculum Change	3	_____	_____
EDUC 872	Research in Curriculum Design & Development	3	_____	_____
RESEARCH COURSES (18 hours)				
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 860	Literature Review for Advanced Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 980	Research Concepts & Methodology[2]	3	_____	_____
Choose one of the following courses:				
EDUC 915	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods	3	_____	_____
EDUC 917	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods	3	_____	_____
DISSERTATION COURSES (15 hours)				
EDUC 987	Dissertation I[3]	5	_____	_____
EDUC 988	Dissertation II[3]	5	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation III[3]	5	_____	_____
EDUC 990	Dissertation IV	0	_____	_____
	TOTAL HOURS	**60**		

Graduation Requirements
Complete 60 hours
A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
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
**There is a limit of 5 years for completion of the Ph.D. for students who were granted 18 hours or more of advanced standing credit from a previously completed Ed.S. or equivalent degree

Offered in Online Format

Notes
All applicable prerequisites must be met
[1]Intensive Format Optional
[2]Once the student enters the Dissertation phase (after completion of EDUC 980), he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed
[3]Ph.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 987, 988, and 989 only one time. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education
Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester (B-Term)		
EDUC 701		3
EDUC 730[1] or 745		3
	Total	6

First Semester (D-Term)		
EDUC 703		3
EDUC 848		3
	Total	6

Second Semester (B-Term)		
EDUC 735		3
EDUC 812		3
	Total	6

Second Semester (D-Term)		
EDUC 721		3
EDUC 771		3
	Total	6

Third Semester (B-Term)		
EDUC 815		3
EDUC 860		3
	Total	6

Third Semester (D-Term)		
EDUC 817		3
EDUC 871		3
	Total	6

Fourth Semester (B-Term)		
EDUC 872		3
EDUC 915 or 917		3
	Total	6

Fourth Semester (D-Term)		
EDUC 980[2]		3
	Total	3

Fifth Semester (A-Term)		
EDUC 987[2, 3]		5
	Total	5

Sixth Semester (A-Term)		
EDUC 988[2, 3]		5
	Total	5

Seventh Semester (A-Term)		
EDUC 989[2,3]		5
	Total	5

Eighth Semester (A-Term)		
EDUC 990		0
	Total	0

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