

# LIBERTY

## UNIVERSITY.

### THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

## Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Ph.D.) Special Education Concentration

### 2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

#### **EDUCATION CORE COURSES (9 hours)**

|                    |   | <b><u>Hrs</u></b> | <b><u>Sem</u></b> | <b><u>Grade</u></b> |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| EDUC 701           | Advanced Learning Theory & Research                   | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| EDUC 703           | Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations    | 3                 | _____             | _____               |
| EDUC 730           | Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies <sup>1</sup> |                   | _____             | _____               |
| <b>or</b> EDUC 745 | Organizational Analysis & Problem Solving             | 3                 | _____             | _____               |

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONCENTRATION (18 hours)**

|          |  |   |       |       |
|----------|--|---|-------|-------|
| EDSP 722 | History & Future of Special Education              | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 723 | Administration & Supervision 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 | _____ | _____ |
| EDSP 727 | Critical Review of Special Education Literature    | 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 <sup>2</sup> | 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 <sup>3</sup>   | 5 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 988 | Dissertation II <sup>3</sup>  | 5 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 989 | Dissertation III <sup>3</sup> | 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*

<sup>1</sup>Intensive Format Optional

<sup>2</sup>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

<sup>3</sup>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

|                                      |          |                                     |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| <u>First Semester (B-Term)</u>       |          | <u>First Semester (D-Term)</u>      |          |
| EDUC 701                             | 3        | EDUC 703                            | 3        |
| EDSP 722                             | <u>3</u> | EDSP 724                            | <u>3</u> |
| Total                                | 6        | Total                               | 6        |
| <br><u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>  |          | <br><u>Second Semester (D-Term)</u> |          |
| EDSP 727                             | 3        | EDUC 730 <sup>1</sup> or 745        | 3        |
| EDUC 812                             | <u>3</u> | EDUC 815                            | <u>3</u> |
| Total                                | 6        | Total                               | 6        |
| <br><u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>   |          | <br><u>Third Semester (D-Term)</u>  |          |
| EDUC 860                             | 3        | EDSP 725                            | 3        |
| EDUC 817                             | <u>3</u> | EDSP 726                            | <u>3</u> |
| Total                                | 6        | Total                               | 6        |
| <br><u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>  |          | <br><u>Fourth Semester (D-Term)</u> |          |
| EDSP 723                             | 3        | EDUC 980 <sup>2</sup>               | <u>3</u> |
| EDUC 915 or 917                      | <u>3</u> | Total                               | 3        |
| Total                                | 6        |                                     |          |
| <br><u>Fifth Semester (A-Term)</u>   |          | <br><u>Sixth Semester (A-Term)</u>  |          |
| EDUC 987 <sup>2,3</sup>              | <u>5</u> | EDUC 988 <sup>2,3</sup>             | <u>5</u> |
| Total                                | 5        | Total                               | 5        |
| <br><u>Seventh Semester (A-Term)</u> |          | <br><u>Eighth Semester (A-Term)</u> |          |
| EDUC 989 <sup>2,3</sup>              | <u>5</u> | EDUC 990                            | <u>0</u> |
| Total                                | 5        | Total                               | 0        |

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