LIBERTY UNIVERSITY.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)

Middle Grades Education Cognate

2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

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.

EDUCATION THEORY COURSES (6 hours)		**Hrs**	**Sem**	**Grade**
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory & Research	3		
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations	3		
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION CORE (12 hours)				
Choose four of the following courses:				
EDUC 730	Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies[1]	3		
EDUC 735	Issues & Trends in Curriculum & Instruction	3		
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	3		
EDUC 871	Investigations in Curriculum Change	3		
EDUC 872	Research in Curriculum Design & Development	3		
MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)				
Choose three of the following courses:				
EDUC 601	Professional Development in Middle Grades Education	3		
EDUC 602	Young Adolescents, Schools & Communities	3		
EDUC 624	Instructional Methods for Behavior & Learning	3		
EDUC 635	Teaching Science in the Middle School	3		
EDUC 637	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle School	3		
EDUC 676	Middle Grades Curriculum & Methods	3		
RESEARCH & EVALUATION COURSES (12 hours)				
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research[2]	3		
EDUC 816	Applied Research Methods	3		
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3		
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology[3,4]	3		
CAPSTONE (15 hours)				
EDUC 887	Capstone I[5]	5		
EDUC 888	Capstone II[5]	5		
EDUC 889	Capstone III[5]	5		
EDUC 890	Capstone IV[6]	0		
	TOTAL HOURS	**54**		

Graduation Requirements

Complete 54 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 completion of Capstone Project
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 Ed.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]A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750
[3]EDUC 880 must be the final course taken before enrolling in Capstone courses
[4]Once the student enters the Capstone phase (after completion of EDUC 880), he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.
[5]Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 887, 888, 889 a maximum of two times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education.
[6]Enrollment in EDUC 890 is contingent on School of Education approval
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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester (B-Term)	
EDUC 701	3
EDUC 703	3
Total	6

First Semester (D-Term)	
EDUC Elective[1]	3
Core Elective[2]	3
Total	6

Second Semester (B-Term)	
EDUC Elective[1]	3
EDUC Elective[1]	3
Total	6

Second Semester (D-Term)	
Core Elective[2]	3
Core Elective[2]	3
Total	6

Third Semester (B-Term)	
EDUC 750	3
Core Elective[2]	3
Total	6

Third Semester (D-Term)	
EDUC 816	3
Total	3

Fourth Semester (B-Term)	
EDUC 850	3
Total	3

Fourth Semester (D-Term)	
EDUC 880	3
Total	3

Fifth Semester (A-Term)	
EDUC 887	5
Total	5

Sixth Semester (A-Term)	
EDUC 888	5
Total	5

Seventh Semester (A-Term)	
EDUC 889	5
Total	5

Eighth Semester (A-Term)	
EDUC 890	0
Total	0

Notes
[1]Choose from the following courses: EDUC 601, 602, 624, 635, 637, or 676
[2]Choose from the following courses: EDUC 730, 735, 771, 871, or 872