

LIBERTY

UNIVERSITY.

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Education (Ph.D.)

Special Education Cognate

2018-2019 Degree Completion Plan

EDUCATION THEORY CORE COURSES (15 hours)

| | | <u>Hrs</u> | <u>Sem</u> | <u>Grade</u> |
|----------|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| EDUC 701 | Advanced Learning Theory & Research | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 703 | Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 730 | Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies ¹ | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 741 | Theories of Educational Leadership ¹ | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 745 | Organizational Analysis & Problem Solving | 3 | _____ | _____ |

SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (12 hours)

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|----------|--|---|-------|-------|
| 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 | _____ | _____ |

ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)

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|-------------|---|---|-------|-------|
| EDSP/EDUC__ | Special Education or Education Elective (700-900 level) | 3 | _____ | _____ |
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RESEARCH COURSES (14 hours)

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|---|--|---|-------|-------|
| EDUC 710 | Introduction to Doctoral Study & Research ² | 2 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 812 | Advanced Educational Statistics | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 815 | Quantitative Methods of Research | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 817 | Qualitative Methods of Research | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Choose one of the following courses:</i> | | | | |
| EDUC 915 | Advanced Quantitative Research Methods | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 917 | Advanced Qualitative Research Methods | 3 | _____ | _____ |

DISSERTATION COURSES (13 hours)³

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|----------|---|---|-------|-------|
| EDUC 860 | Dissertation Literature Review | 2 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 960 | Dissertation Planning | 1 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 980 | Dissertation Prospectus | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 988 | Dissertation Proposal & Research ⁴ | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 989 | Dissertation Writing & Research ⁵ | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| EDUC 990 | Dissertation Defense | 1 | _____ | _____ |

TOTAL HOURS 60

Graduation Requirements

Complete 60 hours

A minimum of 45 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty

A maximum of 15 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 7 years

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

Program Offered in Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Intensive Format Optional

²EDUC 518 or any graduate research course is required as a prerequisite for EDUC 710

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 EDUC 988 a maximum of three times before their dissertation proposal is approved. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| <u>First Semester (B-Term)</u> | | <u>First Semester (D-Term)</u> | |
| EDSP 722 | 3 | EDUC 703 | 3 |
| EDUC 701 | 3 | EDUC 741 ² | <u>3</u> |
| EDUC 710 ¹ | <u>2</u> | Total | 6 |
| Total | 8 | | |
| <u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u> | | <u>Second Semester (D-Term)</u> | |
| EDUC 745 | 3 | EDSP or EDUC Elective ³ | 3 |
| EDUC 815 | <u>3</u> | EDUC 860 | <u>2</u> |
| Total | 6 | Total | 5 |
| <u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u> | | <u>Third Semester (D-Term)</u> | |
| EDSP 724 | 3 | EDUC 730 ² | 3 |
| EDUC 812 | <u>3</u> | EDUC 817 | <u>3</u> |
| Total | 6 | Total | 6 |
| <u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u> | | <u>Fourth Semester (D-Term)</u> | |
| EDSP 725 | 3 | EDSP or EDUC Elective ³ | 3 |
| EDSP 726 | 3 | EDUC 915 or 917 | <u>3</u> |
| EDUC 960 | 1 | Total | 6 |
| Total | 7 | | |
| <u>Fifth Semester (B-Term)</u> | | <u>Fifth Semester (D-Term)</u> | |
| EDUC 980 ⁴ | <u>3</u> | EDUC 988 ^{4,5} | <u>3</u> |
| Total | 3 | Total | 3 |
| <u>Sixth Semester (A-Term)</u> | | <u>Eighth Semester (A-Term)</u> | |
| EDUC 989 ^{4,6} | <u>3</u> | EDUC 990 ⁴ | <u>1</u> |
| Total | 3 | Total | 1 |

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