

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. If you would like to be eligible for a VA state teaching license or work through reciprocity guidelines to be eligible for a license or certificate in another state, you must complete the coursework for this degree and the additional classes and requirements that are listed in the Notes section of the DCP. Refer to [www.liberty.edu/advisingguide](http://www.liberty.edu/advisingguide)

<b><u>EDUCATION THEORY COURSES (6 hours)</u></b>		<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	_____	_____
<b><u>CURRICULUM &amp; INSTRUCTION CORE (12 hours)</u></b>				
<i>Choose four of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 730	Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies <sup>1</sup>	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	_____	_____
<b><u>ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 659	Foundation & Theories of Literacy Instruction	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose two of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 624	Instructional Methods for Behavior & Learning <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 672	Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary) <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 675	Elementary Curriculum & Methods <sup>2</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>RESEARCH &amp; EVALUATION COURSES (12 hours)</u></b>				
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research <sup>3</sup>	3	_____	_____
EDUC 816	Applied Research Methods	3	_____	_____
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology <sup>4</sup>	3	_____	_____
<b><u>CAPSTONE (15 hours)<sup>5</sup></u></b>				
EDUC 887	Capstone I <sup>6</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDUC 888	Capstone II <sup>6</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDUC 889	Capstone III <sup>6</sup>	5	_____	_____
EDUC 890	Capstone IV <sup>7</sup>	0	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>54</b>		

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 54 hours  
 A minimum of 39 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include 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 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  
 \*Applicants who have previously completed an Educational Specialist (Ed. S.) or equivalent degree from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education will be considered for advanced standing (up to 24 hours) in the Ed.D. program  
 Students who have earned an Ed.S. degree through Liberty are permitted to apply up to 27 hours (as applicable) from that degree toward the Ed.D.  
 \*\*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

**Program Offered in Online Format**

**Notes**

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*  
<sup>1</sup>Intensive Format optional  
<sup>2</sup>If seeking licensure, students may choose to take 600 level courses on 'Licensure Options' section on Course Sequence page. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.  
<sup>3</sup>A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750  
<sup>4</sup>EDUC 880 must be the final course taken before enrolling in Capstone courses  
<sup>5</sup>Once the student enters the Capstone phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>Enrollment in EDUC 890 is contingent on School of Education approval  
*Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page*

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

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- <sup>3</sup>Choose from the following courses: EDUC 730, 735, 771, 871, or 872

**LICENSURE OPTIONS**

Must complete additional courses below and all coursework for Ed.D. except Capstone courses<sup>2</sup>

**Initial Licensure** additional courses required:

**Elementary:** EDUC 530, 554, 606, 623<sup>1</sup>, 632<sup>1</sup>, 634, 636, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE - Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education, Praxis Subject Assessment  
**Special Education:** EDUC 521, 524, 525, 530, 554, 571, 606, 622<sup>1</sup>, 623<sup>1</sup>, student teaching, VCLA, RVE - Reading for Virginia Educators: Elementary and Special Education, Praxis Subject Assessment  
**Secondary:** EDUC 539, 571, 606, 623<sup>1</sup>, 625, 656, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis Subject Assessment

**Add-on Licensure** additional courses required and Field Experience Summary (45 hours)

**Early Childhood ( for 3- and 4-year-olds ):** EDUC 501, 598, 653, 670, must have elementary license  
**Gifted:** EDUC 526, 598, 620, 621, 627, must have initial license

**Advanced Licensure** additional courses required:

**School Counseling:** Master’s Degree in Counseling; EDUC 600, 622, 33 hours of EDCE courses as listed on M.Ed. in School Counselor DCP  
**Reading or Math Specialist:** EDUC 622, 641<sup>1</sup>, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years’ experience  
 Also for **Math:** EDUC 530, Praxis Subject Assessment or **Reading:** EDUC 556, 659, RVE – Reading for Virginia Educators: Reading Specialist  
**Building-level School Administration:** EDUC 641<sup>1</sup>, 648, 672, 740, 741, 742, 747<sup>1</sup>, 699-A01; any graduate-level curriculum course may substitute for 672; must have initial license and 3 years’ experience

**Notes**

- <sup>1</sup>Intensive Format optional
- <sup>2</sup>For doctoral candidates seeking licensure, EDUC 880 can be substituted for EDUC 798 in order to post EDS degree for licensure application.