

Upon completion of this program plan including courses noted below, initial license/experience, and passing the required Virginia assessments, you will be eligible for a Virginia license in this program's area of endorsement. Refer to www.liberty.edu/advisingguide

EDUCATION THEORY COURSES (11 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 700	Introduction and Orientation to Doctoral Studies	2	_____	_____
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory & Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations	3	_____	_____
EDUC 741	Theories of Educational Leadership ¹	3	_____	_____

RESEARCH & EVALUATION COURSES (12 hours)

EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3	_____	_____
EDUC 919	Professional Writing & Research ^{1, 2}	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose two of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3	_____	_____
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research ³	3	_____	_____
EDUC 816	Applied Research Methods	3	_____	_____
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3	_____	_____

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION CORE (15 hours)

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	_____	_____

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)

EDUC 659	Foundation & Theories of Literacy Instruction	3	_____	_____
<i>Choose two of the following courses:</i>				
EDUC 624	Behavior Management ⁴	3	_____	_____
EDUC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School ⁴	3	_____	_____
EDUC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School ⁴	3	_____	_____
EDUC 672	Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary) ⁴	3	_____	_____
EDUC 675	Elementary Curriculum & Methods ⁴	3	_____	_____

DISSERTATION (13 hours)⁵

EDUC 760	Dissertation Literature Review	2	_____	_____
EDUC 810	Dissertation Planning	1	_____	_____
EDUC 980	Dissertation Prospectus	3	_____	_____
EDUC 988	Dissertation Proposal & Research ⁶	3	_____	_____
EDUC 989	Dissertation Writing & Research ⁶	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 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

*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

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Intensive Format optional

²EDUC 919 should be one of the final courses in the program; must be taken after completing *two* of the following: EDUC 815, 816, and 817

³EDUC 812 is a prerequisite for EDUC 815

⁴If 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.

⁵Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

⁶Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 988 a maximum of three times before their dissertation proposal is approved, and a maximum of nine times total. Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 989 a maximum of six times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education.

Suggested Course Sequence on Second Page

Program Offered in Online Format

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

<u>First Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>First Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 700	2	EDUC 703	3
EDUC 701	<u>3</u>	EDUC 750	<u>3</u>
Total	5	Total	6
<u>Second Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Second Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 659	3	EDUC 730	3
EDUC 741	<u>3</u>	EDUC 735	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Third Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Third Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 760 ¹	2	EDUC 810	1
EDUC 771	<u>3</u>	EDUC 871	3
Total	5	EDUC Elective ^{2,3}	<u>3</u>
		Total	7
<u>Fourth Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Fourth Semester (D-Term/Intensive)</u>	
EDUC 872	3	EDUC Elective ^{2,3}	3
EDUC Research Course ⁴	<u>3</u>	EDUC Research Course ⁴	<u>3</u>
Total	6	Total	6
<u>Fifth Semester (B-Term)</u>		<u>Fifth Semester (D-Term)</u>	
EDUC 919 ⁵	3	EDUC 980 ⁵	3
Total	3	Total	3
<u>Sixth Semester (A-Term)</u>		<u>Seventh Semester (A-Term)</u>	
EDUC 988	<u>3</u>	EDUC 989 ⁶	<u>3</u>
Total	3	Total	3
<u>Eighth Semester (A-Term)</u>			
EDUC 990 ⁷	1		
Total	1		

Notes

¹A minimum of 20 doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 760, including EDUC 700 and 750

²Choose from the following courses: EDUC 624, 634, 636, 672, & 675

³If seeking licensure, students may choose to take 600 level courses in 'Licensure options' section. These courses must be approved by the School of Education.

⁴EDUC 750 and 810 are prerequisites for any 800 level research courses (EDUC 812, 815⁹, 816, & 817)

⁵EDUC 919 should be the final course before EDUC 980; must be taken after completing two of the following: EDUC 815, 816, and 817

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⁷Enrollment in EDUC 990 is contingent on School of Education approval to schedule the final defense

⁸EDUC 812 is a prerequisite for EDUC 815

***Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

LICENSURE OPTIONS

Must complete additional courses below and all coursework for Ed.D. except Dissertation courses²

Initial Licensure additional courses required:

Elementary: EDUC 530, 531, 554, 623¹, 632¹, 656, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II

Middle Grades: EDUC 623, 656, 673, student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis II and choose one: EDUC 635, 637, 668 or 669

Special Education: EDUC 524, 525, 530, 554, 622¹, 623¹, student teaching, VCLA, RVE, Praxis II

Secondary: EDUC 539, 623¹, 625, 656, 673¹ student teaching, content competencies, VCLA, Praxis II

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

Early Childhood (for 3- and 4-year-olds): EDUC 501, 653, 670, must have elementary license

Gifted: EDUC 526, 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 622¹, 641¹, 650, 652, 699-A03, must have initial license and 3 years experience

Also for **Math:** EDUC 530, Praxis II or **Reading:** EDUC 554, 656, RVE

School Administration: EDUC 641¹, 648, 699-A01, 747¹, 742, must have initial license and 3 years experience

Notes

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²For doctoral candidates seeking licensure, EDUC 919 can be substituted for EDUC 798 in order to post EDS degree for licensure application.