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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration (Ph.D.)
Educational Leadership Cognate
2019-2020 Degree Completion Plan

HIGHER EDUCATION CORE COURSES (15 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 758	Teaching the College Student	3		
EDUC 759	College & University Administration	3		
EDUC 782	Historical Perspectives of Higher Education	3		
EDUC 783	Economic Impact in Higher Education	3		
EDUC 784	Assessment & Accreditation	3		

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP COGNATE (9 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 730	Issues & Trends in Technology & Learning	3		
EDUC 845	Policy Analysis	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 740	Leadership Principles & Ethics	3		
EDUC 742	Educational Leadership & Public Relations	3		
EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis & Problem Solving for Educators	3		
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolution	3		

ELECTIVE COURSES (3 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC _____	_____ [1]	3		

RESEARCH COURSES (18 hours)

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3		
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3		
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3		
EDUC 860	Dissertation Literature Review	3		
EDUC 980	Research Concepts & Methodology	3		

Choose one of the following courses:

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 915	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods[2]	3		
EDUC 917	Advanced Qualitative Research Methods[2]	3		

DISSERTATION COURSES (15 hours)[3]

		Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 987	Dissertation Prospectus & Research[4]	5		
EDUC 988	Dissertation Proposal & Research[4]	5		
EDUC 989	Dissertation Writing & Research[4]	5		
EDUC 990	Dissertation Defense	0		
	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 Degree Completion 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
[1]Choose any 700-900 level EDUC course
[2]Intensive Format optional
[3]Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed
[4]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

First Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 782		3
EDUC 812		3
	Total	6

First Semester (D-Term)

EDUC 845		3
EDUC 860		3
	Total	6

Second Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 730		3
EDUC 783		3
	Total	6

Second Semester (D-Term)

EDUC 784		3
EDUC Elective[1]		3
	Total	6

Third Semester (B-Term)

EDUC 758		3
EDUC 815		3
	Total	6

Third Semester (D-Term)

EDUC 759		3
EDUC 817		3
	Total	6

Fourth Semester (B-Term)

EDUC Elective[2]		3
EDUC 915 or 917		3
	Total	6

Fourth Semester (D-Term)

EDUC 980		3
	Total	3

Fifth Semester (A-Term)

EDUC 987[3, 4]		5
	Total	5

Sixth Semester (A-Term)

EDUC 988[3, 4]		5
	Total	5

Seventh Semester (A-Term)

EDUC 989[3,4]		5
	Total	5

Eighth Semester (A-Term)

EDUC 990		0
	Total	0

Notes

[1]Choose any 700-900 level EDUC course
[2]Choose one of the following courses: EDUC 740, 742, 745, or 746
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