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UNIVERSITY.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Education Specialist Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.S.)
Elementary Education Cognate
2023-2024 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		
Choose one of the following courses:				
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical & Philosophical Foundations	3		
EDUC 741	Theories of Educational Leadership[1]	3		

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION CORE (9 hours)				
Choose three 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		

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)				
EDRS 659	Foundation & Theories of Literacy Instruction	3		
Choose two of the following courses:				
EDUC 624	Instructional Methods for Behavior & Learning	3		
EDUC 634	Teaching Science in the Elementary School	3		
EDUC 636	Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary School	3		
EDUC 672	Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary)	3		
EDUC 675	Elementary Curriculum and Methods	3		

RESEARCH & EVALUATION COURSES (6 hours)				
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3		
EDUC 798	Advanced Research & Writing[2]	3		
	TOTAL HOURS	**30**		

Graduation Requirements

Complete 30 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 more than one grade of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)

Degree must be completed within 5 years

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

Offered in Online Format

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

[1]Intensive Format optional

[2]Capstone course to be taken in final semester

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester (B-Term)
EDUC 701	3
Cognate Elective[1]	3
Total	6

First Semester (D-Term)
EDUC 703 or 741[2]	3
Core Elective[3]	3
Total	6

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

Second Semester (D-Term)
EDUC 750	3
EDRS 659	3
Total	6

Third Semester (B-Term)
EDUC 798[4]	3
Core Elective[3]	3
Total	6

Notes
[1]Choose from the following courses: EDUC 624, 634, 636, 672, or 675
[2]Intensive Format optional
[3]Choose one course from the following: EDUC 730[3,5], 735, 771, 871, or 872
[4]Course should be taken in final semester