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UNIVERSITY.
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Education Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.S.)
Special 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 & INSTRUCTION CORE (9 hours)
Choose three of the following courses:

	Hrs	Sem	Grade
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	_____	_____

SPECIAL EDUCATION COGNATE (9 hours)

	Hrs	Sem	Grade
EDUC 721 Issues & Trends in Exceptionality	3	_____	_____
Choose two of the following courses:			
EDGL 620 Curriculum & Methods for Teaching Gifted Learners	3	_____	_____
EDUC 621 Educational Assessment for Special Needs	3	_____	_____
EDUC 624 Instructional Methods for Behavior & Learning	3	_____	_____
EDUC 629 Technology & Diversity	3	_____	_____

RESEARCH & EVALUATION COURSES (6 hours)

	Hrs	Sem	Grade
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)
EDUC 721	3
Core Elective[3]	3
Total	6

Second Semester (D-Term)
EDUC 750	3
Cognate Elective[1]	3
Total	6

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

Notes
[1] Choose from the following courses: EDGL 620, EDUC 621, 624, or 629
[2] Intensive Format optional
[3] Choose one course from the following: EDUC 730[3], 735, 771, 871, or 872
[4] Course should be taken in final semester