

ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL STUDIES (PH.D.) - EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2022 through summer 2023. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Education Elective Courses ¹		
EDUC Elective ²		3
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Total Hours		21

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² Choose a 500-800 level EDUC course not already required by the degree

Code	Title	Hours
Educational Leadership Cognate ¹		
Choose three of the following courses:		
EDUC 740	Leadership Principles and Ethics	
EDUC 741	Theories of Educational Leadership	
EDUC 742	Educational Leadership and Public Relations	
EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis and Problem Solving	
EDUC 747	Advanced Educational Law	
EDUC 748	School District Finance and Organizational Management	
Total Hours		9

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Research Courses ¹		
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
Total Hours		9

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Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Courses ¹		
EDDR 915	Quantitative Dissertation Topic and Planning	3
or EDDR 917	Qualitative Dissertation Topic and Planning	
EDDR 980	Quantitative Dissertation Prospectus	3
or EDDR 981	Qualitative Dissertation Prospectus	
EDDR 987	Dissertation and Research I ²	5
EDDR 988	Dissertation and Research II ²	5
EDDR 989	Dissertation and Research III ²	5
EDDR 990	Dissertation and Research IV	0
Total Hours		21

¹ Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

² Ph.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDDR 987 Dissertation and Research I (5 c.h.), EDDR 988 Dissertation and Research II (5 c.h.), and EDDR 989 Dissertation and Research III (5 c.h.), one time. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A minimum of 21 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include from a prior degree earned through Liberty
- A maximum of 39 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 5 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