

# CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION (ED.D.) - MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

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.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Education Theory Courses</b>		
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</b>		
Choose four of the following courses:		12
EDUC 730	Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies <sup>1</sup>	
EDUC 735	Issues and Trends in Curriculum and Instruction	
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	
EDUC 871	Investigations in Curriculum Change	
EDUC 872	Research in Curriculum Design and Development	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> Intensive format optional

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Middle Grades Education Cognate</b>		
Choose three of the following courses:		9
EDUC 601	Professional Development in Middle Grades Education	
EDUC 602	Young Adolescents, Schools and Communities	
EDUC 624	Instructional Methods for Behavior and Learning	
EDUC 635	Teaching Science in the Middle School	
EDUC 637	Teaching Social Studies in the Middle School	
EDUC 676	Middle Grades Curriculum and Methods	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Research &amp; Evaluation Courses</b>		
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research <sup>1</sup>	3
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology <sup>2,3</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

- <sup>1</sup> A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750 Survey of Educational Research (3 c.h.)
- <sup>2</sup> EDUC 880 Applied Research Concepts & Methodology (3 c.h.) must be the final course taken before enrolling in doctoral project courses
- <sup>3</sup> Once the student enters the doctoral project phase (after completion of EDUC 880 Applied Research Concepts & Methodology (3 c.h.)), he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Capstone Project</b>		
EDUC 887	Capstone I <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 888	Capstone II <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 889	Capstone III <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 890	Capstone IV <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 887 Capstone I (5 c.h.), EDUC 888 Capstone II (5 c.h.), EDUC 889 Capstone III (5 c.h.) a maximum of two times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education

<sup>2</sup> Enrollment in EDUC 890 Capstone IV (0 c.h.) is contingent on School of Education approval

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 54 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 grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Successful completion of Capstone Project
- 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

### Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
EDUC Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Core Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
EDUC Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Core Elective <sup>2</sup>		3

Course	Title	Hours
Core Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3
Core Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 887	Capstone I	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 888	Capstone II	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 889	Capstone III	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 890	Capstone IV	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>54</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose from the following courses: EDUC 601, 602, 624, 635, 637, or 676

<sup>2</sup> Choose from the following courses: EDUC 730, 735, 771, 871, or 872