

EDUCATION (PH.D.) - SPECIAL EDUCATION

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 |
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| Education Core Courses | | |
| EDUC 701 | Advanced Learning Theory and Research | 3 |
| EDUC 703 | Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education | 3 |
| EDUC 730 or EDUC 745 | Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies ¹ Organizational Analysis and Problem Solving | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 9 |

¹ Intensive format optional

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| Special Education Concentration | | |
| EDSP 722 | History and Future of Special Education | 3 |
| EDSP 723 | Administration and Supervision of Special Education | 3 |
| EDSP 724 | Collaboration and Communication in Special Education | 3 |
| EDSP 725 | Assessment and Evaluation in Special Education | 3 |
| EDSP 726 | Disability and Learning | 3 |
| EDSP 727 | Critical Review of Special Education Literature | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 18 |

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| Research Courses | | |
| EDUC 812 | Advanced Educational Statistics | 3 |
| EDUC 815 | Quantitative Methods of Research | 3 |
| EDUC 817 | Qualitative Methods of Research | 3 |
| EDUC 860 | Literature Review for Advanced Research | 3 |
| EDUC 980 | Research Concepts & Methodology ¹ | 3 |
| Choose one of the following: | | 3 |
| EDUC 915 | Advanced Quantitative Methods of Research | |
| EDUC 917 | Advanced Qualitative Methods of Research | |
| Total Hours | | 18 |

¹ Once the student enters the Dissertation phase (after completion of EDUC 980 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 |
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| Dissertation Courses | | |
| EDUC 987 | Dissertation I ¹ | 5 |
| EDUC 988 | Dissertation II ¹ | 5 |
| EDUC 989 | Dissertation III ¹ | 5 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| EDUC 990 | Dissertation IV | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 15 |

¹ Ph.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 987 Dissertation I (5 c.h.), EDUC 988 Dissertation II (3,5 c.h.), and EDUC 989 Dissertation III (3,5 c.h.) only 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 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 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