EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (ED.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. 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
Program Courses		
Education Theory Courses		
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
Educational Leadership Courses		
EDSP 723	Administration and Supervision of Special Education	3
or EDUC 730	Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies	
EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis and Problem Solving	3
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolution	3
EDUC 840	Issues and Trends in Educational Leadership	3
EDUC 848	Culture and Educational Leadership	3
Elective Courses		
Education Elective [1]		3
Education Elective [1]		3
Research & Evaluation Courses		
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research [2]	3
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology [3,4]	3
Applied Research Courses		
EDUC 887	Applied Doctoral Research I	5
EDUC 888	Applied Doctoral Research II	5
EDUC 889	Applied Doctoral Research III	5
EDUC 890	Applied Doctoral Research IV [5]	0
Total Hours		**54**

1. Choose one of the following courses: EDUC 774, EDUC 778, EDUC 779, EDUC 780, or EDUC 781.
2. A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750.
3. EDUC 880 must be the final course taken before enrolling in EDUC 887.
4. Once the student enters the doctoral project phase (after completion of EDUC 880), they must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.
5. Enrollment in EDUC 890 is contingent on School of Education approval.

Additional Program Requirements

- Successful completion of Applied Research Courses

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 more than a B- may be applied to the degree
- 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

First Year		
First Semester		**Hours**
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis and Problem Solving	3
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolution	3
	Hours	**12**
Second Semester		
EDSP 723 or EDUC 730	Administration and Supervision of Special Education or Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies	3
EDUC 840	Issues and Trends in Educational Leadership	3
EDUC 848	Culture and Educational Leadership	3
Education Elective [1]		3
	Hours	**12**
Second Year		
Third Semester		
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3
Education Elective [1]		3
	Hours	**9**
Fourth Semester		
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology	3
	Hours	**6**
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
EDUC 887	Applied Doctoral Research I	5
	Hours	**5**
Sixth Semester		
EDUC 888	Applied Doctoral Research II	5
	Hours	**5**

Fourth Year		
Seventh Semester		
EDUC 889	Applied Doctoral Research III	5
	Hours	**5**
Eighth Semester		
EDUC 890	Applied Doctoral Research IV	0
	Hours	**0**
	Total Hours	**54**

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