

# HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION (ED.D.) - COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

**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
<b>Program Courses</b>		
<i>Higher Education Courses</i>		
EDUC 758	Teaching the College Student	3
EDUC 759	College and University Administration	3
EDUC 782	Historical Perspectives of Higher Education	3
EDUC 783	Economic Impact in Higher Education	3
EDUC 784	Assessment & Accreditation	3
<i>Research &amp; Evaluation Courses</i>		
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
<i>Applied Research Courses</i>		
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 <sup>4</sup>	0

<sup>1</sup> A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750.

<sup>2</sup> EDUC 880 must be the final course taken before enrolling in EDUC 887.

<sup>3</sup> Once the student enters the Applied Research phase (after completion of EDUC 880), they must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.

<sup>4</sup> Enrollment in EDUC 890 is contingent on School of Education approval.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Community College Administration Cognate</b>		
EDUC 751	Community College Governance and Leadership	3
EDUC 752	Community College Resource Planning	3
EDUC 753	Historical Trends and Issues in Community Colleges	3
EDUC 754	Community College Student Learning & Development	3

## Additional Major 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 grades lower 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

<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 751	Community College Governance and Leadership	3
EDUC 758	Teaching the College Student	3
EDUC 759	College and University Administration	3
EDUC 782	Historical Perspectives of Higher Education	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 752	Community College Resource Planning	3
EDUC 753	Historical Trends and Issues in Community Colleges	3
EDUC 754	Community College Student Learning & Development	3
EDUC 783	Economic Impact in Higher Education	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Third Semester</b>		
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3
EDUC 784	Assessment & Accreditation	3
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Fourth 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>Fifth Semester</b>		
EDUC 887	Applied Doctoral Research I	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
EDUC 888	Applied Doctoral Research II	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Seventh Semester</b>		
EDUC 889	Applied Doctoral Research III	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>

**Eighth Semester**

EDUC 890	Applied Doctoral Research IV	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>54</b>

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