

# HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION (PH.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. Completion of this degree will not lead to the eligibility of a state educator license in Virginia or a license or certificate in any other state for endorsements in teaching, special education, content specialist, or school building-level administration.

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 Courses</i>		
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	Quantitative Research Concepts and Methodology <sup>1</sup>	3
or EDUC 981	Qualitative Research Concepts and Methodology	
EDUC 915	Advanced Quantitative Methods of Research	3
or EDUC 917	Advanced Qualitative Methods of Research	
<i>Dissertation Courses</i>		
EDUC 987	Dissertation I	5
EDUC 988	Dissertation II	5
EDUC 989	Dissertation III	5
EDUC 990	Dissertation IV	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>48</b>

<sup>1</sup> Once the student enters the Dissertation phase (after completion of either EDUC 980 or EDUC 981), they must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.

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

Code	Title	Hours
EDUC 754	Community College Student Learning & Development	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

## Additional Major Requirements

- Successful defense of Dissertation

*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
- 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 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>	

### Second Semester

EDUC 752	Community College Resource Planning	3
EDUC 753	Historical Trends and Issues in Community Colleges	3
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	

### Second Year

#### Third Semester

EDUC 783	Economic Impact in Higher Education	3
EDUC 784	Assessment & Accreditation	3
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
EDUC 860	Literature Review for Advanced Research	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	

#### Fourth Semester

EDUC 754	Community College Student Learning & Development	3
EDUC 915 or EDUC 917	Advanced Quantitative Methods of Research or Advanced Qualitative Methods of Research	3

EDUC 980 or EDUC 981	Quantitative Research Concepts and Methodology or Qualitative Research Concepts and Methodology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		
EDUC 987	Dissertation I	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
EDUC 988	Dissertation II	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>Seventh Semester</b>		
EDUC 989	Dissertation III	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Eighth Semester</b>		
EDUC 990	Dissertation IV	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*