HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION (PH.D.) - ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

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
Program Courses		
Higher Education Courses		
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
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	Quantitative Research Concepts and Methodology [1]	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	
Dissertation Courses		
EDUC 987	Dissertation I	5
EDUC 988	Dissertation II	5
EDUC 989	Dissertation III	5
EDUC 990	Dissertation IV	0
Total Hours		**48**

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

Code	Title	Hours
Assessment & Evaluation Cognate		
EDUC 778	Program Design and Assessment	3
EDUC 779	Institutional Research	3
EDUC 780	Evaluation and Measurement Tools	3
EDUC 781	Compliance and Report Writing	3
Total Hours		**12**

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 758	Teaching the College Student	3
EDUC 759	College and University Administration	3
EDUC 778	Program Design and Assessment	3
EDUC 782	Historical Perspectives of Higher Education	3
	Hours	**12**
Second Semester		
EDUC 779	Institutional Research	3
EDUC 780	Evaluation and Measurement Tools	3
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
	Hours	**12**
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
	Hours	**12**
Fourth Semester		
EDUC 781	Compliance and Report Writing	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 [1] or Qualitative Research Concepts and Methodology	3
	Hours	**9**
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
EDUC 987	Dissertation I	5
	Hours	**5**

Sixth Semester		
EDUC 988	Dissertation II	5
	Hours	**5**
Fourth Year		
Seventh Semester		
EDUC 989	Dissertation III	5
	Hours	**5**
Eighth Semester		
EDUC 990	Dissertation IV	0
	Hours	**0**
	Total Hours	**60**

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