

# SPECIAL EDUCATION (ED.D.)

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. 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>Education Courses</b>		
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 Organizational Analysis and Problem Solving	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Special Education Core</b>		
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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Research Courses</b>		
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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> Intensive Format optional

<sup>2</sup> EDUC 880 must be the final course taken before enrolling in Capstone Project courses

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

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Capstone Project</b>		
EDUC 887	Capstone I <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 888	Capstone II <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 889	Capstone III <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 890	Capstone IV <sup>2</sup>	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 887, EDUC 888, EDUC 889 a maximum of two times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education.

<sup>2</sup> Enrollment in EDUC 890 is contingent on School of Education approval

*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
- Successful completion of Capstone Project
- 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

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
EDSP 722	History and Future of Special Education	3
EDUC 730 or EDUC 745	Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies or Organizational Analysis and Problem Solving	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDSP 727	Critical Review of Special Education Literature	3
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 887	Capstone I	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 888	Capstone II	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 889	Capstone III	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 890	Capstone IV	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>54</b>