

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
Education Courses		
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
Total Hours		9

Code	Title	Hours
Special Education Core		
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
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Research Courses		
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research ¹	3
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology ^{2,3}	3
Total Hours		12

¹ Intensive Format optional

² EDUC 880 must be the final course taken before enrolling in Capstone Project courses

³ 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
Capstone Project		
EDUC 887	Capstone I ¹	5
EDUC 888	Capstone II ¹	5
EDUC 889	Capstone III ¹	5
EDUC 890	Capstone IV ²	0
Total Hours		15

¹ 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.

² 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
First Year		
First Semester		
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
		Hours
		12
Second Semester		
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
		Hours
		12
Second Year		
First Semester		
EDSP 727	Critical Review of Special Education Literature	3
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3
EDUC 816	Applied Research	3
		Hours
		9
Second Semester		
EDUC 850	Literature Review for Applied Research	3
EDUC 880	Applied Research Concepts & Methodology	3
		Hours
		6

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