

# ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL STUDIES (PH.D.) - CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

**Important:** This diploma plan is effective for those starting in the fall 2025 through summer 2026. This diploma plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment.

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>Education Elective Courses <sup>1</sup></b>		
Education Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
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<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Choose a 500-800 level EDUC course not already required by the degree

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction Cognate <sup>1</sup></b>		
Choose three of the following courses:		9
EDUC 735	Issues and Trends in Curriculum and Instruction	
EDUC 771	Curriculum Theory	
EDUC 871	Investigations in Curriculum Change	
EDUC 872	Research in Curriculum Design and Development	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Research Courses <sup>1</sup></b>		
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics	3
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Dissertation Courses <sup>1</sup></b>		
EDDR 915	Quantitative Dissertation Topic and Planning	3
or EDDR 917	Qualitative Dissertation Topic and Planning	
EDDR 980	Quantitative Dissertation Prospectus	3
or EDDR 981	Qualitative Dissertation Prospectus	
EDDR 987	Dissertation I <sup>2</sup>	5
EDDR 988	Dissertation II <sup>2</sup>	5
EDDR 989	Dissertation III <sup>2</sup>	5
EDDR 990	Dissertation IV	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> Once the student enters the Dissertation phase, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

<sup>2</sup> Ph.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDDR 987, EDDR 988, and EDDR 989, one time. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A minimum of 21 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include from a prior degree earned through Liberty
- A maximum of 39 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Successful defense of dissertation
- Degree must be completed within 5 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 Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3

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EDUC Elective <sup>1,2</sup>		3
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Cognate Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Cognate Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
EDUC 812	Advanced Educational Statistics <sup>1</sup>	3
Cognate Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
EDUC 815	Quantitative Methods of Research <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDUC 817	Qualitative Methods of Research <sup>1</sup>	3
EDDR 915 or EDDR 917	Quantitative Dissertation Topic and Planning <sup>4</sup> or Qualitative Dissertation Topic and Planning	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDDR 980 or EDDR 981	Quantitative Dissertation Prospectus <sup>4</sup> or Qualitative Dissertation Prospectus	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDDR 987	Dissertation and Research I <sup>4,5</sup>	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDDR 988	Dissertation and Research II <sup>4,5</sup>	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDDR 989	Dissertation and Research III <sup>4,5</sup>	5
EDDR 990	Dissertation and Research IV <sup>4</sup>	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

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