

# CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION (ED.D.) - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. 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 Theory Courses</b>		
EDUC 701	Advanced Learning Theory and Research	3
EDUC 703	Theories of Historical and Social Foundations of Education	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction Core</b>		
Choose four of the following courses:		12
EDUC 730	Issues & Trends in Learning Technologies <sup>1</sup>	
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>12</b>

<sup>1</sup> Intensive format optional

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Elementary Education Cognate</b>		
EDRS 659	Foundation & Theories of Literacy Instruction	3
Choose two of the following courses:		6
EDUC 624	Instructional Methods for Behavior and Learning	
EDUC 672	Curriculum Development (Elementary/Secondary)	
EDUC 675	Elementary Curriculum and Methods	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Research &amp; Evaluation 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> A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750 Survey of Educational Research (3 c.h.)

<sup>2</sup> EDUC 880 Applied Research Concepts & Methodology (3 c.h.) must be the final course taken before enrolling in doctoral project courses

<sup>3</sup> Once the student enters the doctoral project phase (after completion of EDUC 880 Applied Research Concepts & Methodology (3 c.h.)), he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Capstone Project</b>		
EDUC 887	Applied Doctoral Research I <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 888	Applied Doctoral Research II <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 889	Applied Doctoral Research III <sup>1</sup>	5
EDUC 890	Applied Doctoral Research 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 Applied Doctoral Research I (5 c.h.), EDUC 888 Applied Doctoral Research II (5 c.h.), EDUC 889 Applied Doctoral Research III (5 c.h.) a maximum of two times. Extensions for exceptional circumstances must be approved by the School of Education

<sup>2</sup> Enrollment in EDUC 890 Applied Doctoral Research IV (0 c.h.) 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
EDUC Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Core Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
EDRS 659	Foundation & Theories of Literacy Instruction	3
EDUC Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Core Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
Core Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
EDUC 750	Survey of Educational Research	3
Core Elective <sup>2</sup>		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>
<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>

<sup>1</sup> Choose from the following courses: EDUC 624, 672, or 675

<sup>2</sup> Choose from the following courses: EDUC 730, 735, 771, 871, or 872