

EDUCATION SPECIALIST IN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH (ED.S.)

Purpose

The Education Specialist degree in Educational Research is designed to prepare researchers and practitioners in the field of education with a biblical worldview who adhere to high standards and serve educational, governmental, and non-profit organizations. Researchers in this field are viewed as those conducting detailed research and holding positions that will be instrumental in influencing policies in the field of education, national and state government, and non-profit organizations.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate educational research literature and relevant theory for purposes of scholarly inquiry.
- Analyze various methods for conducting educational research.
- Integrate a biblical worldview through decision making within the field of education.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, specific admission requirements for the Ed.S. are listed below. The following items must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions prior to registering for any graduate courses. Where noted, forms are available online at www.luonline.com.

1. **Academic Records.** Applicants must submit an official transcript indicating successful completion of a master's degree program from an institution accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Transcripts should be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions from all schools previously attended.
2. TOEFL Scores for candidates who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test)

Transfer of Credit

All graduate transfer credits are subject to the approval of the School of Education (SOE) Graduate Committee. Such courses must carry a grade of at least a B- and be comparable to Liberty University graduate courses. Transfer credit will only be considered from institutions or schools accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. With approval, up to 15 hours may be transferred into the Ed.S. program. It is the responsibility of each applicant to supply official transcripts along with a written request to have credit applied to the degree program. Transfer credits must have been completed within the previous 10 years.

Time Limits for Degree Completion

The time limit for completing the degree from the date of admission to the program is five years. Only in unusual circumstances may the

candidate be granted an extension. Granting of an extension of time may result in additional requirements.

Any candidate who does not complete coursework within the permissible time limit for any reason, including discontinued enrollment, must reapply for admission. A candidate may reapply only once, and will be subject to the current standards and curriculum if readmitted. The SOE Graduate Committee will determine if any previous courses are sufficiently time sensitive and must be repeated. *Beginning* with the date of readmission, the candidate's time limit for degree completion is determined by the number of hours remaining.

Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- Educational Research (Ed.S.)

Career Opportunities

- University Administrator
- Educational Consultant
- Education instructor
- Researcher at a university or think tank
- Private business consultant