

HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION (ED.D.) - EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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
Higher Education Core Courses		
EDUC 758	Teaching the College Student	3
EDUC 759	College and University Administration	3
EDUC 782	Historical Perspectives of Higher Education	3
EDUC 783	Economic Impact in Higher Education	3
EDUC 784	Assessment & Accreditation	3
Total Hours		15

Code	Title	Hours
Educational Leadership Cognate		
EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis and Problem Solving	3
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolution	3
EDUC 845	Policy Analysis	3
Education Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Choose one of the following: EDUC 778, EDUC 779, EDUC 780, EDUC 781, EDUC 785, EDUC 786, or EDUC 787

Code	Title	Hours
Research & Evaluation 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 A minimum of 20 Doctoral credit hours must be earned prior to enrollment in EDUC 750

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	Applied Doctoral Research I ¹	5
EDUC 888	Applied Doctoral Research II ¹	5
EDUC 889	Applied Doctoral Research III ¹	5

Code	Title	Hours
EDUC 890	Applied Doctoral Research IV ²	0
Total Hours		15

¹ Ed.D. students are allowed to enroll in EDUC 887, EDUC 888, EDUC 889 only one time. 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 758	Teaching the College Student	3
EDUC 782	Historical Perspectives of Higher Education	3
EDUC 745	Organizational Analysis and Problem Solving	3
EDUC 759	College and University Administration	3
Hours		12

Second Semester		
EDUC 783	Economic Impact in Higher Education	3
EDUC 784	Assessment & Accreditation	3
EDUC 845	Policy Analysis	3
EDUC Elective ¹		3
Hours		12

Second Year		
First Semester		
EDUC 746	Conflict Resolution	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 ^{2,3}	5
Hours		5
Second Semester		
EDUC 888	Capstone II ^{2,3}	5
Hours		5
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
EDUC 889	Capstone III ^{2,3}	5
Hours		5
Second Semester		
EDUC 890	Capstone IV ^{2,3}	0
Hours		0
Total Hours		54

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