# REQUIRED COURSES FOR SPRING COHORT

Courses are provided in a cohort sequence

## YEAR ONE

### Spring Semester
- EDUC 700  Online Orientation
- UNIV LIB  Information Research & Resources  
- UNIV 500  Regent Foundations for Graduate Success  
- EFND 706  Christian Worldview for Educators
- EFND 715  Data-Driven Decision Making

### Summer Semester
- EDSL 727  Supervision & Professional Development
- EFND 705A  Residency

### Fall Semester
- EDCE 700  Foundations of Character Education Programs
- EDCE 701  Character Education: Foundations, Theories, & Philosophy

## YEAR TWO

### Spring Semester
- EADM 703  Advanced Theory & Practice of Leadership, Communication, & Organizations
- EDCE 702  Character Education: Curriculum & Instruction

### Summer Semester
- EDCE 703  Advanced Study of Best Practices in Character Education
- EDCO 801  Strategic Planning & Program Evaluation
- EFND 705B  Residency

### Fall Semester
- EFND 702  Research Design & Analysis
- EFND 800  Issues in Education

## YEAR THREE

### Spring Semester
- EFND 722  Educational Statistics
- EDCE 704  Leadership in Character Education

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**Summer Semester**
- EDCO 800  Qualitative Data Analysis  3
- EDCE 785  Seminar in Character Education  3
- EFND 705C  Residency  2

**Fall Semester**
- EFND 790  Independent Study  3

**YEAR FOUR**

**Spring Semester**
- EDCO 802  Analysis of Variance  1
- EDCO 803  Regression & Correlation  1
- EDCO 804  Structure & Reliability Analysis  1
- EHEA 805  Advanced Research Design and Analysis  3

**Summer Semester**
- EFND 906A  Dissertation Research  5

**Fall Semester**
- EFND 906B  Dissertation Research  5

**YEAR FIVE**

**Spring Semester**
- EFND 906C  Dissertation Research  5

**TOTAL HOURS**  75+

**Program delivered online with some required face-to-face components.**

**Graduation Requirements**
- Complete a minimum of 75 credit hours.
- Complete degree within 7 years (5 year limit for Ed.S).
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00

**Ph.D. students must complete the following:**
- 21 hours Ed.D. core curriculum
- 24-26 hours Ed.D. concentration
- 9 hours of research related credit
- 6 hours of summer residency (three one-week, on campus)
- 15 hours of dissertation research credit
- Present an acceptable research-based dissertation

**Notes**
1 Post-master’s and doctoral Education students will take UNIV LIB if they score a 6 on the criterion admissions writing sample. If students do not score a 6, they must enroll in UNIV 500 their first semester of post-master’s coursework.

2 If any of the above courses were taken as part of the concentration curriculum, the credit earned will not count toward the 9 additional hours required for the Ph.D. The balance of hours needed to satisfy the 9 hour requirement shall result in enrolling in EFND 790 Independent Study with a SOE professor. These independent study hours shall be used to focus on research collaboration in the faculty member’s area of interest.

3 Candidacy Exams are required and will be given on-campus during the final semester of coursework. Students who pass candidacy exams will continue on to the dissertation phase of the program with EFND 906A. Students who do not pass are required to take EFND 898.

4 Students who have not defended their dissertation after completing EFND 906A, B, & C are required to take EFND 907 Dissertation Continuation (3 credits) each term until either they successfully defend or their time limit has been reached.