CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (PH.D.) - PASTORAL COUNSELING

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2026 through summer 2027. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
CLED 700	Biblical & Theological Foundations of Leadership	3
CLED 720	Biblical & Theological Foundations of Education	3
CLED 800	Theological Anthropology in Leadership & Education	3
CLED 815	Character & Ethics in Leadership & Education	3
CLED 820	Leadership and Management Theory	3
CLED 835	Organizational Theory and Development	3
CLED 845	Group and Team Dynamics: Theory and Practice in Leadership	3
CLED 855	Teaching & Learning: Theory & Practice in Leadership	3
Research Courses		
CLED 730	Research Methods for Christian Leadership I	3
CLED 770	Research Methods for Christian Leadership II	3
CLED 805	Research Methods for Christian Leadership III	3
CLED 830	Research Methods for Christian Leadership IV	3
CLED 987	Research Methods for Christian Leadership V	5
CLED 988	Research Methods for Christian Leadership VI	5
CLED 989	Dissertation Research & Writing [1]	5
CLED 990	Dissertation Defense	0
Total Hours		**51**

[1] Students who are not ready for enrollment in CLED 990 after completing CLED 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat CLED 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in CLED 990.

Code	Title	Hours
Pastoral Counseling Cognate		
PACO 825	The Role and Development of the Pastoral Counselor	3
Choose two of the following:		6
PACO 830	Individual & Family Issues in Pastoral Counseling	
PACO 835	Premarital & Marital Issues in Pastoral Counseling	
PACO 840	Crises and Current Issues in Pastoral Counseling	
Total Hours		**9**

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 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 B- may be applied to the degree
- Successful completion of Comprehensive Examination
- Successful defense of Prospectus and Dissertation
- 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

First Year		
First Semester		**Hours**
CLED 700	Biblical & Theological Foundations of Leadership	3
CLED 720	Biblical & Theological Foundations of Education	3
PACO 825	The Role and Development of the Pastoral Counselor	3
PACO 830 or PACO 835 or PACO 840	Individual & Family Issues in Pastoral Counseling or Premarital & Marital Issues in Pastoral Counseling or Crises and Current Issues in Pastoral Counseling	3
	Hours	**12**
Second Semester		
CLED 730	Research Methods for Christian Leadership I	3
CLED 770	Research Methods for Christian Leadership II	3
CLED 800	Theological Anthropology in Leadership & Education	3
PACO 830 or PACO 835 or PACO 840	Individual & Family Issues in Pastoral Counseling or Premarital & Marital Issues in Pastoral Counseling or Crises and Current Issues in Pastoral Counseling	3
	Hours	**12**
Second Year		
Third Semester		
CLED 805	Research Methods for Christian Leadership III	3
CLED 815	Character & Ethics in Leadership & Education	3
CLED 820	Leadership and Management Theory	3
CLED 830	Research Methods for Christian Leadership IV	3
	Hours	**12**

Fourth Semester		
CLED 835	Organizational Theory and Development	3
CLED 845	Group and Team Dynamics: Theory and Practice in Leadership	3
CLED 855	Teaching & Learning: Theory & Practice in Leadership	3
	Hours	**9**
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
CLED 987	Research Methods for Christian Leadership V	5
	Hours	**5**
Sixth Semester		
CLED 988	Research Methods for Christian Leadership VI	5
	Hours	**5**
Fourth Year		
Seventh Semester		
CLED 989	Dissertation Research & Writing [1]	5
	Hours	**5**
Eighth Semester		
CLED 990	Dissertation Defense	0
	Hours	**0**
	Total Hours	**60**

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