CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES (M.DIV.) - 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		
APOL 505	Contextualized Apologetics in the Late Modern Age	3
BIBL 500	Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation [1]	3
BIBL 505	Language Tools [1]	3
CHHI 500	The Redemptive History of the Church	3
DSMN 515	Biblical Foundations for Spiritual Formation	3
DSMN 525	The Great Commission: Evangelism and Biblical Multiplication	3
GICE 500	Global and Intercultural Engagement	3
HOMI 600	Exposition of the Grand Narrative of Scripture	3
LEAD 500	Developing Leadership Character and Readiness	3
LEAD 600	Dynamic Influence: Leading Teams for Growth and Impact	3
NBST 501	The Gospel, the Kingdom, and the Teachings of Jesus	3
NBST 502	New Testament Letters for the Church	3
OBST 501	Torah and Story in the Old Testament	3
OBST 502	Reading the Old Testament Poems and Prophets for the Church	3
PACO 505	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
SEMI 698	Practicum	3
THEO 505	Theological Foundations	3
THEO 540	Issues in Systematic Theology	3
THEO 600	Critical Contextual Issues Facing the Church	3
Total Hours		**57**

Code	Title	Hours
Pastoral Counseling Cognate		
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 501	Foundational Doctrines for Pastoral Counselors	3
PACO 509	Spiritual Formation in Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 510	Human Suffering in Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 604	Crisis Intervention in Pastoral Counseling	3
or PACO 615	Marriage and Family Counseling	
or PACO 617	Theories and Techniques in Pastoral Counseling	
Total Hours		**15**

[1] Foundational courses are required to be taken within the first semester.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 72 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 2.0 GPA
- Degree must be completed within 10 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**
BIBL 500	Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation [1]	3
BIBL 505	Language Tools [1]	3
DSMN 515	Biblical Foundations for Spiritual Formation	3
THEO 505	Theological Foundations	3
	Hours	**12**
Second Semester		
DSMN 525	The Great Commission: Evangelism and Biblical Multiplication	3
NBST 501	The Gospel, the Kingdom, and the Teachings of Jesus	3
OBST 501	Torah and Story in the Old Testament	3
THEO 540	Issues in Systematic Theology	3
	Hours	**12**
Second Year		
Third Semester		
GICE 500	Global and Intercultural Engagement	3
NBST 502	New Testament Letters for the Church	3
OBST 502	Reading the Old Testament Poems and Prophets for the Church	3
THEO 600	Critical Contextual Issues Facing the Church	3
	Hours	**12**
Fourth Semester		
APOL 505	Contextualized Apologetics in the Late Modern Age	3
LEAD 500	Developing Leadership Character and Readiness	3
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 505	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
	Hours	**12**
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
CHHI 500	The Redemptive History of the Church	3
HOMI 600	Exposition of the Grand Narrative of Scripture	3
LEAD 600	Dynamic Influence: Leading Teams for Growth and Impact	3

PACO 501	Foundational Doctrines for Pastoral Counselors	3
PACO 509	Spiritual Formation in Pastoral Counseling	3
	Hours	**15**
Sixth Semester		
SEMI 698	Practicum	3
PACO 510	Human Suffering in Pastoral Counseling	3
Pastoral Counseling Elective [2]		3
	Hours	**9**
	Total Hours	**72**

[1] Foundational courses are required to be taken within the first semester.
[2] Choose one of the following: PACO 604, PACO 615, PACO 617.

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