

DIVINITY (M.DIV.) - PASTORAL COUNSELING

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. 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
Core Courses		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
CHMN 679 or CHMN 699	Capstone Internship	3
DSMN 500	Discipleship Ministries	3
EVAN 525	Contemporary Evangelism	3
GLST 650	Intercultural Communication	3
HOMI 500 or HOMI 601	Preparation of the Sermon Foundations of Expository Teaching and Preaching	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
NBST 515	New Testament Orientation I	3
NBST 520	New Testament Orientation II	3
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
NGRK 505 or NGRK 520	Greek Language Tools Beginning Greek I	3
OBST 515	Old Testament Orientation I	3
OBST 520	Old Testament Orientation II	3
OTCL 505 or OTCL 520	Hebrew Language Tools Beginning Hebrew I	3
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
RTCH 500	Research, Writing, and Ministry Preparation ¹	3
THEO 525	Systematic Theology I	3
THEO 530	Systematic Theology II	3
THEO 650	Public Theology	3
Total Hours		63

¹ RTCH 500 Research, Writing, and Ministry Preparation (3 c.h.) is required to be taken within the first two semesters for all students

Code	Title	Hours
Pastoral Counseling Cognate		
Choose twelve credit hours of the following:		12
PACO 501	Foundational Doctrines for Pastoral Counselors	
PACO 504	Multicultural Issues in Pastoral Counseling	
PACO 509	Spiritual Formation in Pastoral Counseling	
PACO 615	Marriage and Family Counseling	
PACO 617	Theories and Techniques in Pastoral Counseling	
PACO 625	Healthy Sexuality	
PACO 630	Gerontology and Counseling	

Code	Title	Hours
PACO 687	Counseling Women	
Total Hours		12

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 75 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 Resident & Online Format

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
NBST 515	New Testament Orientation I	3
RTCH 500	Research, Writing, and Ministry Preparation ¹	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
NBST 520	New Testament Orientation II	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
EVAN 525	Contemporary Evangelism	3
NGRK 505 or NGRK 520	Greek Language Tools or Beginning Greek I	3
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
OTCL 505 or OTCL 520	Hebrew Language Tools or Beginning Hebrew I	3
Hours		12
Third Semester		
GLST 650	Intercultural Communication	3
HOMI 500 or HOMI 601	Preparation of the Sermon or Foundations of Expository Teaching and Preaching	3
OBST 515	Old Testament Orientation I	3
THEO 525	Systematic Theology I	3
Hours		12
Fourth Semester		
CHMN 679 or CHMN 699	Capstone or Internship	3
DSMN 500	Discipleship Ministries	3
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
THEO 530	Systematic Theology II	3
Hours		12
Fifth Semester		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
OBST 520	Old Testament Orientation II	3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3

Course	Title	Hours
PACO Elective ²		3
Hours		12
Sixth Semester		
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
PACO Elective ²		3
PACO Elective ²		3
PACO Elective ²		3
THEO 650	Public Theology	3
Hours		15
Total Hours		75

¹ RTCH 500 is required to be taken within the first two semesters for all students.

² Choose from PACO 501, PACO 504, PACO 509, PACO 615, PACO 617, PACO 625, PACO 630, or PACO 687.