

# PASTORAL COUNSELING (M.A.) - LIFE COACHING

**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.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Program Courses</b>		
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling <sup>1</sup>	3
PACO 501	Foundational Doctrines for Pastoral Counselors <sup>1</sup>	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
PACO 615	Marriage and Family Counseling	3
PACO 617	Theories and Techniques in Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 679	Pastoral Counseling Capstone <sup>2,3</sup>	3
or PACO 699	Pastoral Counseling Internship	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

<sup>1</sup> PACO 500 and PACO 501 are required first entry courses for all students in this degree

<sup>2</sup> May register for PACO 699 after successfully completing 21 hours

<sup>3</sup> Background check clearance required for PACO 699

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Life Coaching Cognate</b>		
<i>Choose four of the following courses:</i>		<i>12</i>
LIFC 501	Introduction to Life Coaching	
LIFC 502	Advanced Life Coaching Skills	
LIFC 601	Health and Wellness Coaching	
LIFC 602	Marriage Coaching	
LIFC 603	Financial Life Coaching	
LIFC 604	Leadership Professional Life Coaching	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

All applicable prerequisites must be met

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 36 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
- 2.5 GPA
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Liberty University course work that is more than 10 years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit
- Degree must be completed within 5 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

<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling <sup>1</sup>	3
PACO 501	Foundational Doctrines for Pastoral Counselors <sup>1</sup>	3
PACO 510	Human Suffering in Pastoral Counseling	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PACO 509	Spiritual Formation in Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 604	Crisis Intervention in Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 615	Marriage and Family Counseling	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Third Semester</b>		
PACO 617	Theories and Techniques in Pastoral Counseling	3
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
PACO 679	Pastoral Counseling Capstone <sup>3,4</sup>	3
or PACO 699	or Pastoral Counseling Internship	
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
Elective <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> PACO 500 and PACO 501 are required first entry courses for all students in this degree

<sup>2</sup> Choose one of the following courses: LIFC 501, LIFC 502, LIFC 601, LIFC 602, LIFC 603 or LIFC 604

<sup>3</sup> May register for PACO 699 after successfully completing 21 hours

<sup>4</sup> Background check clearance required