

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (PH.D.)

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2022 through summer 2023. 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
Foundation Courses ¹		
PRTH 701	Ministry Foundations for Practical Theology	3
PRTH 702	Philosophical Foundations for Practical Theology	3
PRTH 815	Dissertation Concept Development for Practical Theology	3
RTCH 710	Teaching Methods	3
RTCH 805	Research Methods	3
THEO 706	Theological Foundations ²	3
Total Hours		18

¹ All Foundation Courses must be completed to be eligible to enroll in Specialized Research or Dissertation Writing and Defense Courses.

² THEO 706 must be taken the first term of the first semester in the program

Code	Title	Hours
Specialized Research Courses		
PRTH 845	Practical Theology Literature Review I	3
PRTH 846	Practical Theology Literature Review II	3
PRTH 847	Practical Theology Topical Research I	3
PRTH 848	Practical Theology Topical Research II	3
PRTH 849	Practical Theology Dissertation Presentation I	3
PRTH 850	Practical Theology Dissertation Presentation II ¹	3
Total Hours		18

¹ PRTH 850 must be passed prior to enrollment in Dissertation Writing and Defense Courses. A Faculty Dissertation Supervisor will be paired with the PhD candidate for the Dissertation and Defense courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Dissertation Writing and Defense Courses		
PRTH 987	Dissertation Writing in Practical Theology I	5
PRTH 988	Dissertation Writing in Practical Theology II	5
PRTH 989	Dissertation Writing in Practical Theology III ¹	5
PRTH 990	Dissertation Defense for Practical Theology ²	0
Total Hours		15

¹ PRTH 989 may be repeated up to four times.

² PRTH 990 may not be registered for without the Dissertation Supervisor's written authorization.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- 51 total 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 a B- may be applied to the degree
- 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