

# PSYCHOLOGY (PH.D.) - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP

**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>Core Courses</b>		
PSYC 510	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I	3
PSYC 515	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II	3
PSYC 700	Foundations of Doctoral Study in Psychology	3
PSYC 710	Psychological Research & Biblical Worldview <sup>1</sup>	3
PSYC 775	Teaching of Psychology	3
PSYC 810	Advanced Research: Qualitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC 815	Advanced Research: Quantitative Research & Analysis	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> Intensive Format optional

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Behavioral Health Leadership Concentration</b>		
PSYC 718	Theories and Research in Behavioral Health	3
PSYC 780	Strategic Planning and Management	3
PSYC 828	Contemporary Topics in Behavioral Health <sup>1</sup>	3
PSYC 840	Leadership and Development	3
Choose nine credit hours of the following:		9
PSYC 800	Grant Writing	
PSYC 802	Program Evaluation	
PSYC 847	Organizational Consulting & Change	
PSYC 857	Behavioral Healthcare Policy and Governance	
PSYC 858	Healthcare Financial Management	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>21</b>

<sup>1</sup> Intensive Format optional

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Dissertation Courses</b>		
PSYC 870	Prospectus: Developing the Dissertation Concept <sup>1</sup>	3
PSYC 987	Dissertation I <sup>2</sup>	5
PSYC 988	Dissertation II <sup>2</sup>	5
PSYC 989	Dissertation III <sup>2</sup>	5
PSYC 990	Dissertation Defense	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Intensive Format optional

<sup>2</sup> PSYC 987 Dissertation I (5 c.h.), PSYC 988 Dissertation II (5 c.h.), and PSYC 989 Dissertation III (5 c.h.) can each be repeated one time to meet milestone

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A minimum 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 Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PSYC 510	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I	3
PSYC 700	Foundations of Doctoral Study in Psychology	3
PSYC 718	Theories and Research in Behavioral Health	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PSYC 515	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II	3
PSYC 710	Psychological Research & Biblical Worldview <sup>1,2</sup>	3
PSYC 780	Strategic Planning and Management	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PSYC 815	Advanced Research: Quantitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC 840	Leadership and Development	3
PSYC Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PSYC 775	Teaching of Psychology	3
PSYC 828	Contemporary Topics in Behavioral Health	3
PSYC Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PSYC 810	Advanced Research: Qualitative Research & Analysis	3
PSYC 870	Prospectus: Developing the Dissertation Concept <sup>1</sup>	3

Course	Title	Hours
PSYC Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PSYC 987	Dissertation I <sup>4</sup>	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
PSYC 988	Dissertation II <sup>4</sup>	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PSYC 989	Dissertation III <sup>4</sup>	5
PSYC 990	Dissertation Defense	0
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Intensive Format optional.

<sup>2</sup> Must be taken within the first year.

<sup>3</sup> Choose from the following courses: PSYC 800, 802, 847, 857, or 858.

<sup>4</sup> PSYC 987, 988, and 989 can be repeated one time to meet milestone.