

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (PH.D.) - NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

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 |
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| Core Courses | | |
| CLED 700 | Biblical & Theological Foundations of Leadership | 3 |
| CLED 720 | Biblical & Theological Foundations of Education | 3 |
| CLED 800 | Theological Anthropology in Leadership & Education | 3 |
| CLED 815 | Character & Ethics in Leadership & Education | 3 |
| CLED 820 | Leadership and Management Theory | 3 |
| CLED 835 | Organizational Theory and Development | 3 |
| CLED 845 | Group and Team Dynamics: Theory and Practice in Leadership | 3 |
| CLED 855 | Teaching & Learning: Theory & Practice in Leadership | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 24 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Next Generation Ministry Cognate | | |
| CLED 715 | Ecologies of Christian Formation | 3 |
| <i>Choose two of the following:</i> | | |
| CHMN 840 | Leadership Models for Next Generation Ministry | 6 |
| CHMN 841 | Issues and Trends in Next Generation Ministry | |
| CHMN 842 | Making Disciples for the Next Generation | |
| Total Hours | | 9 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Research Courses | | |
| CLED 730 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership I | 3 |
| CLED 770 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership II | 3 |
| CLED 805 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership III | 3 |
| CLED 830 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership IV | 3 |
| CLED 987 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership V | 5 |
| CLED 988 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership VI | 5 |
| CLED 989 | Dissertation Research & Writing ¹ | 5 |
| CLED 990 | Dissertation Defense | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 27 |

¹ Students who are not ready for enrollment in CLED 990 after completing CLED 989 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat CLED 989 until deemed ready for enrollment in CLED 990.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 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 B- may be applied to the degree
- Successful completion of Comprehensive Examination
- Successful defense of Prospectus and Dissertation
- 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 |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|
| First Semester | | |
| CLED 700 | Biblical & Theological Foundations of Leadership | 3 |
| CLED 720 | Biblical & Theological Foundations of Education | 3 |
| Elective ¹ | | 3 |
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| Hours | | 12 |

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| Second Semester | | |
| CLED 715 | Ecologies of Christian Formation | 3 |
| CLED 730 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership I | 3 |
| CLED 770 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership II | 3 |
| CLED 800 | Theological Anthropology in Leadership & Education | 3 |
| Hours | | 12 |

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| Third Semester | | |
| CLED 805 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership III | 3 |
| CLED 815 | Character & Ethics in Leadership & Education | 3 |
| CLED 820 | Leadership and Management Theory | 3 |
| CLED 830 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership IV | 3 |
| Hours | | 12 |

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| Fourth Semester | | |
| CLED 835 | Organizational Theory and Development | 3 |
| CLED 845 | Group and Team Dynamics: Theory and Practice in Leadership | 3 |
| CLED 855 | Teaching & Learning: Theory & Practice in Leadership | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |

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| Fifth Semester | | |
| CLED 987 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership V | 5 |
| Hours | | 5 |

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| Sixth Semester | | |
| CLED 988 | Research Methods for Christian Leadership VI | 5 |
| Hours | | 5 |
| Seventh Semester | | |
| CLED 989 | Dissertation Research & Writing ¹ | 5 |
| Hours | | 5 |
| Eighth Semester | | |
| CLED 990 | Dissertation Defense | 0 |
| Hours | | 0 |
| Total Hours | | 60 |

¹ Choose from the following courses: CHMN 840, CHMN 841, or CHMN 842.

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