

# CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (PH.D.) - SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**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>		
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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>24</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Spiritual Formation Cognate</b>		
CLED 715	Ecologies of Christian Formation	3
<i>Choose two of the following:</i>		6
DSMN 850	Biblical Theology of Spiritual Formation	
DSMN 860	History of Spiritual Formation	
DSMN 870	Facilitation of Spiritual Formation	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Research Courses</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	5
CLED 990	Dissertation Defense	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>First Semester</b>		
CLED 700	Biblical & Theological Foundations of Leadership	3
CLED 720	Biblical & Theological Foundations of Education	3
Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
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<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Second Semester</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Third Semester</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

<b>Fifth Semester</b>		
CLED 987	Research Methods for Christian Leadership V	5
<b>Hours</b>		<b>5</b>

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

<sup>1</sup> Choose from the following courses: DSMN 850, DSMN 860, or DSMN 870.

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