

DIVINITY (M.DIV.) - PASTORAL COUNSELING

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
Program Courses		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
BIBL 612	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	3
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
CHMN 679 or CHMN 699	Capstone Internship	3
DSMN 500	Discipleship Ministries	3
EVAN 525	Contemporary Evangelism	3
GICE 650	Intercultural Communication	3
HOMI 502 or HOMI 602	Teaching in Christian Contexts Preaching to Change Lives	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
NBST 516	Introduction to the Life of Christ	3
NBST 517	Introduction to the New Testament Church	3
NGRK 515	New Testament Bible Study Tools	3
OBST 516	Introduction to the Pentateuch and Old Testament Historical Books	3
OBST 517	Introduction to the Poetic and Prophetic Books	3
OTCL 515	Old Testament Bible Study Tools	3
PACO 505	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
SEMI 505	Introduction to Ministry Studies ¹	3
SEMI 510	Tools for Ministry Studies	3
THEO 521	Foundations of Christian Theology	3
THEO 522	Essentials of Christian Theology	3
THEO 523	Issues in Christian Theology	3
Total Hours		63

¹ SEMI 505 is required to be taken within the first semester for all students.

Code	Title	Hours
Pastoral Counseling Cognate		
PACO Elective ¹		3
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Total Hours		9

¹ Choose a 500-600 level PACO course not already required by the degree.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 72 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
- 2.0 GPA
- Degree must be completed within 10 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 Year		
First Semester		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
DSMN 500	Discipleship Ministries	3
SEMI 505	Introduction to Ministry Studies ¹	3
SEMI 510	Tools for Ministry Studies	3
Hours		12
Second Semester		
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
EVAN 525	Contemporary Evangelism	3
OBST 516	Introduction to the Pentateuch and Old Testament Historical Books	3
PACO 505	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
Hours		12
Second Year		
Third Semester		
GICE 650	Intercultural Communication	3
NBST 516	Introduction to the Life of Christ	3
NBST 517	Introduction to the New Testament Church	3
OBST 517	Introduction to the Poetic and Prophetic Books	3
Hours		12
Fourth Semester		
BIBL 612	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	3
CHMN 679 or CHMN 699	Capstone or Internship	3
OTCL 515	Old Testament Bible Study Tools	3
THEO 521	Foundations of Christian Theology	3
Hours		12
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
HOMI 502 or HOMI 602	Teaching in Christian Contexts or Preaching to Change Lives	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
THEO 522	Essentials of Christian Theology	3
Pastoral Counseling Elective ²		3
Hours		12
Sixth Semester		
NGRK 515	New Testament Bible Study Tools	3

Course	Title	Hours
THEO 523	Issues in Christian Theology	3
Pastoral Counseling Elective ²		3
Pastoral Counseling Elective ²		3
Hours		12
Total Hours		72

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