

# PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (PRTH)

## **PRTH 701 Ministry Foundations for Practical Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** RTCH 805 and THEO 706

This course offers a broad introduction to ministry as an expression of practical theology, the challenges and opportunities related to ministry in the contemporary context of the 21st century, and the various expressions of the practice of ministry

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 702 Philosophical Foundations for Practical Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** RTCH 805

This course introduces students to relevant philosophical foundations for learning and critical thinking in a way that will prepare them for their future academic work related to practical theology.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 815 Dissertation Concept Development for Practical Theology 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** RTCH 805

In this course students will facilitate development of the dissertation concept. To this end, students will explore a suitable subject/area of interest and work to narrow the scope of concern to a responsibly narrow and appropriate topic that they are then able to articulate into a cogent and compelling prospectus.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 845 Practical Theology Literature Review I 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 701 and PRTH 702 and PRTH 815 and RTCH 710 and RTCH 805 and THEO 706

This course familiarizes students with the processes, resources, and skills involved in surveying, analyzing, and synthesizing the scholarly literature related to a research topic to position the student's own research within the scholarly conversation of the topic.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 846 Practical Theology Literature Review II 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 845

This course applies the principles, resources, and skills learned in previous courses for conducting an academic literature review, including the theoretical framework and research methodology. Students will accomplish this by creating a literature review of the academic conversations around their proposed topic for the purpose of determining both their topic's suitability for a dissertation as well as positioning the student's research as a contribution to the on-going scholarly conversations of the topic.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 847 Practical Theology Topical Research I 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 845 and PRTH 846

In this course, students will be introduced to the various methods and requisite skills involved in conducting focused doctoral-level research of a proposed topic, including both research modalities and resources required to conduct a thorough investigation of a topic in support of a proposed dissertation.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 848 Practical Theology Topical Research II 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 847

In this course, students will learn to execute focused research in an appropriate field of study and further develop their ability to both collect data and use that data in ways that are discernable to an academic audience. Students will accomplish this by identifying a research inquiry that is appropriate to their program, designing a research argument that helps satisfy that inquiry, and producing an academic presentation that articulates that argument and reflects scholarly research.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 849 Practical Theology Dissertation Presentation I 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 847 and PRTH 848

In this course students will improve their ability to synthesize information and articulate the relationships between interrelated concepts that pertain to an appropriate area of study. To this end, students will examine and analyze the scholarly works of others so that they may grow in their ability to organize an argument in a compelling way.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 850 Practical Theology Dissertation Presentation II 3 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 849

In this course students will draw upon what they have learned throughout this program to develop a compelling dissertation concept and articulate how a compelling argument will be investigated and ultimately satisfied in their coming dissertation project. This will be achieved after students fine-tune a dissertation proposal and develop an engaging and well-organized presentation of what they hope to demonstrate in their dissertation project.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 945 Practical Theology I: Literature Review 6 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 815 and RTCH 710 and RTCH 805 and THEO 706

The course is designed for the student to develop a review of literature with an annotated bibliography based on the subject of the candidate's dissertation topic.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 946 Practical Theology II: Topical Research 6 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 945

The course allows the student to do focused research on their chosen subject to expand upon the candidate's dissertation prospectus.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 947 Practical Theology III: Dissertation Presentation 6 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 946

This course allows the student to demonstrate the sustainability and uniqueness of their chosen topic based on the literature review and preliminary research. Comprehensive exams will help the student demonstrate their mastery of the undergirding principles of this degree. Upon the successful completion of this course, the student becomes a doctoral candidate.

**Offered:** Online

## **PRTH 987 Dissertation Writing in Practical Theology I 5 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 850

This course allows the doctoral candidate the opportunity to develop the dissertation prospectus, including chapters one and two of the dissertation.

**Registration Restrictions:** GPA of 3.0 or higher

**Offered:** Online

**PRTH 988 Dissertation Writing in Practical Theology II 5 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 987

This course allows the doctoral candidate to develop dissertation research, analyze research findings, and compile conclusions based on guided research based on an approved dissertation prospectus. The outcome of dissertation writing by the conclusion of the course should approximate three chapters of content for the student's dissertation.

**Offered:** Online

**PRTH 989 Dissertation Writing in Practical Theology III 5 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 988

This course allows the doctoral candidate the opportunity to expand and strengthen the content of the final chapters and editing of the full dissertation. This course may be repeated until the dissertation supervisor indicates the dissertation is ready to be defended.

**Offered:** Online

**PRTH 990 Dissertation Defense for Practical Theology 0 Credit Hour(s)**

**Online Prerequisite:** PRTH 989

Oral defense of the doctoral candidate's practical theology dissertation.

**Offered:** Online