# UNIVERSITY. THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Pastoral Counseling Cognate

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (6 hours)			<u>Sem</u>	<u>Grade</u>
DMIN 810	Foundations for the Doctor of Ministry <sup>1</sup>	3		
DSMN 815	Personal Spiritual Formation	3		
PASTORAL	<u> COUNSELING COGNATE (9 hours)</u>			
PACO 825	Growth & Development of the Contemporary Minister	3		
Choose two	of the following courses:			
PACO 830	Individual & Family Issues in Pastoral Counseling	3		
PACO 835	Premarital & Marital Issues in Pastoral Counseling	3		
PACO 840	Crises & Current Issues in Pastoral Counseling	3		
PORTFOL	O OR THESIS PROJECT REPORT COURSES (15 hor	<u>urs)<sup>1,2</sup></u>		
Choose one	of the following options:			
<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Option<sup>1</sup></u>			
DMIN 85	1 Micro-Project I	3		
DMIN 852	2 Micro-Project II	3		
DMIN 85	3 Micro-Project III	3		
DMIN 854	4 Micro-Project IV	3		
DMIN 85	5 Portfolio Presentation	3		
<u>OR</u>				
<u>Thesis Pro</u>	oject Report Option <sup>1</sup>			
DMIN 82	Research and Thesis Development	3		
DMIN 83	) Thesis Project Proposal Development	3		
DMIN 84	1 Thesis Research & Writing Part I	4		
DMIN 88	1 Thesis Research & Writing Part II <sup>3</sup>	5		
DMIN 89	) Thesis Project Defense	0		
	TOTAL HOURS	5 30		

#### **Graduation Requirements**

Complete 30 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 more than one grade of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-) Portfolio or Thesis required (Minimum grade of B-)

Degree must be completed within 5 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

#### **Offered in Online Format**

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#### Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

<sup>1</sup>DMIN 810, Portfolio Option courses, and Thesis Report Option courses may not be fulfilled with transfer credit or course substitution.

<sup>2</sup>Once the student enters the either the Portfolio process or Thesis Project Report process, he/she must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall and Spring semesters excluding Summer semester) until all degree requirements are completed <sup>3</sup>Students choosing the Thesis Report Option may take DMIN 881 a maximum of four times. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in DMIN 890 after completing DMIN 881 the first time may be required, as determined by the student's thesis project mentor, to repeat DMIN 881 until deemed ready for enrollment in DMIN 890. Student must maintain enrollment in DMIN 881 fall and spring semesters until deemed ready for enrollment in DMIN 890. Suggested Course Sequence on second page

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE\*\*\*

First Semester			Second Semester		
DMIN 810		3	PACO 825		3
DSMN 815		<u>3</u>	PACO Elective <sup>1</sup>		<u>3</u>
	Total	6		Total	6
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
PACO Elective <sup>1</sup>		3	DMIN 830 or 852		3
DMIN 820 or 851		<u>3</u>	DMIN 841 or 853		<u>3-4</u>
	Total	6		Total	6-7
Fifth Semester			Sixth Semester		
DMIN 854 or 881 <sup>2</sup>		<u>3-5</u>	DMIN 855 or 890		<u>0-3</u>
	Total	3-5		Total	0-3

\*\*\*Students must choose either the *Portfolio Option* (DMIN 851, 852, 853, 854, 855) or the *Thesis Project Report Option* (DMIN 820, 830, 841, 881, 890).

### Notes

<sup>1</sup>Choose from the following courses: PACO 830, 835, or 840

<sup>2</sup>Students choosing the Thesis Report Option may take DMIN 881 a maximum of four times. Any student who is not ready for enrollment in DMIN 890 after completing DMIN 881 the first time may be required, as determined by the student's thesis project mentor, to repeat DMIN 881 until deemed ready for enrollment in DMIN 890. Student must maintain enrollment in DMIN 881 fall and spring semesters until deemed ready for enrollment in DMIN 890.