

# **Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling (M.A.)**

Marriage and Family Cognate

2023-2024 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COU	RSES (24 hours)	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>Sem</u>	<b>Grade</b>					
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling <sup>1</sup>	3							
PACO 501	Foundational Doctrines for Pastoral Counselors <sup>1</sup>	3							
PACO 504	Multicultural Issues in Pastoral Counseling	3							
PACO 509	Spiritual Formation in Pastoral Counseling <sup>2</sup>	3							
PACO 604	Crisis Intervention in Pastoral Counseling	3							
PACO 615	Marriage & Family Counseling	3							
PACO 617	Theories & Techniques in Pastoral Counseling <sup>2</sup>	3							
PACO 699	Pastoral Counseling Internship <sup>3, 4</sup>	3							
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COGNATE (12 hours)									
Choose four of the following courses:									
PACO 603	Premarital & Marital Counseling	3							
PACO 618	Advanced Marriage & Family Counseling	3							
PACO 620	Counseling the Adolescent and Their Families	3							
PACO 625	Healthy Sexuality	3							
PACO 687	Counseling Women	3							
	TOTAL HOURS	36							

### **Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 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

2.5 GPA

No grade of D may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-) Liberty University course work that is more than 10 years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit

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 Resident and Online Format

#### Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

<sup>1</sup>PACO 500 and 501 are required first entry courses for all students in this degree.

Suggested Course Sequence on second page

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Intensive Format Optional

 $<sup>^3\</sup>mbox{May}$  register for PACO 699 after successfully completing 21 hours.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Background check clearance required

# SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester			Second Semester		
PACO 500 <sup>1</sup>		3	PACO 509 <sup>2</sup>		3
PACO 501 <sup>1</sup>		3	PACO 604		3
PACO 504		<u>3</u>	PACO 615		3
	Total	9		Total	9

Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
PACO 617 <sup>2</sup>		3	PACO 699 <sup>4,5</sup>		3
Elective <sup>3</sup>		3	Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Choose one of the following courses: PACO 603, 618, 620, 625 or 687

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