

Ph.D. in Divinity,

Major in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 105



Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Divinity at HBIU University is designed to prepare students for advanced research, leadership, and practical implementation in the field of divinity. This comprehensive program blends both theoretical insights and applied practices, ensuring that graduates are equipped to contribute meaningfully to theological scholarship, spiritual leadership, and religious communities. Students will engage with critical theological concepts, biblical studies, and ethical considerations, preparing them to lead in both academic and ministry settings.

A key feature of the program is the Major in Clinical Mental Health Counseling specialization. This unique specialization offers students specialized training in integrating theology with clinical mental health counseling. It prepares graduates to provide comprehensive spiritual and psychological care within diverse environments, such as hospitals, churches, counseling centers, and faith-based organizations. Students will learn to apply theological principles to mental health practice, equipping them to address the emotional, psychological, and spiritual needs of individuals seeking counseling or support.

The curriculum includes foundational courses in divinity, systematic theology, pastoral care, counseling theory, and mental health practices. Students will have the flexibility to select electives that align with their specific interests, such as trauma-informed care, spiritual counseling, or ethical issues in counseling. Rigorous training in research methodology ensures that students are equipped to conduct original research that contributes both to the academic study of divinity and the practice of clinical mental health counseling from a faith-based perspective.

Admissions Requirements

- Master's degree in a relevant field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- GRE scores (if applicable)
- Statement of Purpose (1,000-1,500 words) outlining research interests
- Three letters of recommendation
- Academic writing sample
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume
- Interview with faculty (if required)

Core Foundational Courses (60 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PH.D 701	Advanced Theories in the Field	3
PH.D 702	Applied Research Methods	3
PH.D 703	Leadership and Ethics	3
PH.D 704	Strategic Decision Making	3
PH.D 705	Policy and Governance	3
PH.D 706	Crisis and Risk Management	3
PH.D 707	Innovation in the Field	3
PH.D 708	Global Perspectives	3
PH.D 709	Case Study Analysis	3
PH.D 710	Capstone in the Field	3

Major in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
MAJO 701	Introduction to the Minor Field	3
MAJO 702	Ethics and Best Practices	3
MAJO 703	Case Studies and Applications	3
MAJO 704	Policy and Governance in the Minor	3

MAJO 705	Capstone Project in the Minor	3
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Research, Dissertation, and Defense (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
DISR 801	Research Methods in Human Resources	3
DISR 802	Theoretical Frameworks in HR Research	3
DISR 803	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	3
DISR 804	Dissertation Proposal Development	3
DISR 805	Data Collection and Analysis	3
DISR 806	Dissertation Writing: Literature Review	3
DISR 807	Dissertation Writing: Methodology	3
DISR 808	Dissertation Writing: Findings and Analysis	3
DISR 809	Dissertation Defense Preparation	3
DISR 810	Final Dissertation Defense	3

Program Outcomes

- Conduct advanced research in ph.d. in divinity.
- Develop expertise in major in clinical mental health counseling and its applications.
- Lead policy, research, and practical implementation in the field.
- Contribute to academic and industry advancements.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
HR Director (Corporate/Non-Profit)	\$90,000 - \$160,000
Organizational Development Consultant	\$85,000 - \$150,000
Talent Acquisition Specialist	\$75,000 - \$130,000
University Professor (HRM)	\$80,000 - \$140,000
HR Policy Analyst	\$85,000 - \$135,000
Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO)	\$120,000 - \$250,000