

18. Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling (MA-PC)

This program can also be completed solely by taking courses in the evening and Saturday.

a. Program Goals

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling degree program aims to equip pastors/ministers in church or organization with core counseling approaches and practices for future ministry purposes. After completion, students would acquire: i) the counseling theories and practices on various populations across different phases of life; ii) the ethics and culture of Christian counseling; iii) the application of the pastor counseling to different church cultures and contexts.

b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a Bachelor of Theology degree or other bachelor's degree major in Christianity or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least three years prior to application for study; iii) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program; iv) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

c. Program Content

Students are required to take 6 guided electives on counseling courses, and 2 free electives. Pastoral Counseling Practicum is optional, it may be counted in free electives, and the practicum will only be started after finishing the required counseling courses and with the permission of the adviser. If applicable, students are required to pay extra fees for practicum supervision apart from the tuition (charges according to the scale of related institutes).

i) Guided Electives on Christian Counseling (choose 6 courses)* credits

CP2002 Child Counseling
CP2003 Adolescent Counseling
CP2004 Geriatric Counseling
CP2005 Marital Counseling
CP2007 Grief Counseling
CP2011 Essential Counseling Skills
CP2012 Theories and Practice in Group Counseling
CP2014 Theories and Practice of Family Therapy
CP2017/PT2052 Personal Growth
CP2034 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
CP2035 Satir Transformational Systemic Therapy
CP2036 Counseling Theories and Practices
CP2037/CT2007 Counseling Ethics and Culture

subtotal

18

ii) Free Electives

2 courses

6

Total Credits Required for Graduation**24**

- * Under special circumstances, a student may take courses out of the above list with the approval of the adviser in advance.

d. Credits

Full-time students in the MA-PC program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

e. Duration

This program requires one academic year. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed three years.

f. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) pass the final assessment exam if professional counseling practicum is included; and
- iii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.
- iv) The graduation diploma will be shown as Theoretical Based, Professional Practicum, or Pastoral Practicum for different schemes.

g. Further Study

If a MA-PC degree holder continues to study for the Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T) or the Master of Arts in Christian Counseling (MA-CC) programs at LTS, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted.