ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
DEGREE: **M.A. in Pastoral Counseling**
MAJOR:
CONCENTRATION:

DEGREE PLAN SHEET 2026-2027
ORU Online & Lifelong Learning

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED	36
Hours in ORU distinctives	1
Hours in spiritual formation/assessments	5
Hours in prerequisite	0-3
Hours in biblical/theological foundations	6
Hours in pastoral counseling concentration	24

Name _____

ID _____ Date _____

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Advisor _____

SEMESTER TAKEN	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	SEMESTER TAKEN	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
		YEAR 1, Fall Semester A				**YEAR 1, Spring Semester B**	
_____	GMPC 502	Graduate Orientation	0	_____	GMPC 620	Pastoral Counseling with Issues of Grief & Loss	3
_____	GMCM 505	Spirit-Empowered Formation & Ministry	4				
						YEAR 1, Summer Semester A	
		YEAR 1, Fall Semester B		_____	GMPC 626	Scripture and Pastoral Counseling	3
_____	GTHE 517	Seminar in Theological Research**	3				
						YEAR 1, Summer Semester B	
		YEAR 1, Spring Semester A		_____	GMPC 627	Pastoral Counseling and Crises	3
_____	GHPE 503	Graduate Health Fitness*	1	_____	PRFT 510	Mid-Level Assessment	0.5
_____	GMPC 630	Pastoral Counseling Methods	3				
		YEAR 2, Fall Semester A				**YEAR 2, Spring Semester B**	
_____	GMPC 650	Pastoral Counseling Ethics	3	_____	GMPC 676	Pastoral Counseling for Relationships	3
		YEAR 2, Fall Semester B				**YEAR 2, Summer Semester A**	
_____	GMPC 571	Theology of Pastoral Counseling	3	_____	GMPC 624	Diversity and Counseling	3
		YEAR 2, Spring Semester A				**YEAR 2, Summer Semester B**	
_____	GMPC 700	Pastoral Counseling and Addictions	3	_____	GMPC 750	Pastoral Counseling Practicum***	3
				_____	PRFT 520	Candidacy-Level Assessment	0.5

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Above is a list of courses that must be taken in order to complete your degree The order may change due to the availability of courses or previous graduate course work. However, it is suggested that you follow this degree plan format. **(NOTE: This is not your transfer evaluation!)**

Please note that taking more than 8 credit hours per 7-week term is neither recommended nor allowed without petition.

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ORU Distinctives			
GMPC	502	Graduate Orientation	0
GHPE	503*	Graduate Health Fitness	1
		ORU Distinctives Total	1
Spiritual Formation and Assessments			
GMCM	505	Spirit-Empowered Formation and Ministry	4
PRFT	510	Mid-Level Assessment	0.5
PRFT	520	Candidacy-Level Assessment	0.5
		Spiritual Formation and Assessments Total	5
Prerequisite**			
Choice of one of the following:			
GTHE	517	Seminar in Theological Research	3
PRFT	049	Theological Research Proficiency	0
		Prerequisite Total	0-3
Biblical and Theological Foundations			
GMPC	571	Theology of Pastoral Counseling	3
GMPC	626	Scripture and Pastoral Counseling	3
		Biblical and Theological Foundations Total	6
Pastoral Counseling Concentration			
GMPC	620	Pastoral Counseling with Issues of Grief and Loss	3
GMPC	624	Diversity and Counseling	3
GMPC	627	Pastoral Counseling and Crises	3
GMPC	630	Pastoral Counseling Methods	3
GMPC	650	Pastoral Counseling Ethics	3
GMPC	676	Pastoral Counseling for Relationships	3
GMPC	700	Pastoral Counseling and Addictions	3
GMPC	750	Pastoral Counseling Practicum***	3
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