

COUNSELING AND CHAPLAINCY

ABOUT THE MASTER OF DIVINITY DEGREE

The Master of Divinity degree prepares students for a variety of ministry opportunities such as church leadership, social ministry, chaplaincy, education, missions, and church music ministry. Students who sense a call to pastoral ministry, full-time vocational ministry, or who desire to prepare for an academic career in college or university teaching are especially encouraged to pursue the Master of Divinity.

The core curriculum is designed to prepare students pursuing full-time vocational or bi-vocational ministry with the basic biblical, theological, historical, and ministerial foundations needed for Christian ministry. Concentrations are offered to assist students with focusing on a particular area of ministry. A minimum of 18 hours in an area of concentration of the 90 required for the Master of Divinity are needed for an individual to meet the requirements to complete a concentration as part of the degree program. A minimum of 18 hours in a concentration must be included in the 90 hours required for the degree.

Faculty advisers are available to counsel with students regarding course selection. Throughout the curriculum, students are led to develop their spiritual lives and to engage in theological reflection and dialogue. Also, additional electives are available for students to study in the areas of their interests and gifts.

COUNSELING AND CHAPLAINCY CONCENTRATION

The Counseling and Chaplaincy concentration is designed to prepare students for helping ministries within the church and other Christian organizations. Students will study aspects of pastoral care and Christian counseling to provide a firm theological foundation for opportunities in areas such as pastoral care positions, military or hospital chaplains, prison ministry, and social ministries.

Curriculum includes topics in family counseling, age group counseling, addiction, pastoral care, congregational ministry, ethics within the helping professions, and crisis intervention. Field work includes either an internship practicum or credit for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) work. Note: Students seeking licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor are encouraged to pursue the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling dual degree program.

MASTER OF DIVINITY COUNSELING & CHAPLAINCY CONCENTRATION

Minimum of 18 hours beyond core requirements

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES (9 HOURS)

Pastoral Care (3) if not taken as a core requirement
Counseling and Christian Ministry (3) if not taken as a core requirement
Crisis Intervention (3)
Ethics, Spirituality, and Religion in the Helping Professions (3)
Life Span Development (3)
Any additional approved graduate courses in the School of Education

PRAXIS (2-8 HOURS)

Clinical Pastoral Education (4) or approved equivalent
Practicum or Internship
Approved military or institutional chaplaincy program (NOTE: Persons in an approved program may bypass certain concentration requirements if at least 18 semester hours of approved work are completed toward MDiv requirements.)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS (3 HOURS)

The Practice of Preaching (3)
The Ministry of Writing (3)

CARE-GIVING IN CONGREGATIONS (3 HOURS)

Family Systems in Congregational Ministry (3)
The Family (3)
Special Topics in Pastoral Care (2/3)
Any age group course

CHOOSE TO COMPLETE HOURS:

Advanced electives chosen from topics in or related to counseling or chaplaincy



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