## MINISTRY TO CHILDREN

### ABOUT THE MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) is a professional degree designed to prepare men and women for specialized ordained and lay ministry. The MACM degree requires 48 semester hours. The minimum amount of time to complete the program is two years, but it is normally completed within three years.

The core curriculum consists of 27 hours and is designed to provide students with essential, classical foundations for ministry. The core curriculum is broken into the following areas of study: Biblical Studies, Historical and Theological Studies, and Spiritual and Vocational Formation. Students then choose a required specialization according to calling and interest.

Faculty advisers are available to counsel with students relative to curriculum selections. Througout the curriculum, students are led to develop their spiritual lives and to engage in theological reflection and dialogue.

#### MINISTRY TO CHILDREN SPECIALIZATION

The Ministry to Children specialization curriculum prepares students for various ttasks within children's ministry in a church setting or other Christian organization. The curriculum examines the characteristics, needs, developmental issues, and teaching strategies for children's ministry, biblical and theological foundations for developing age based ministries, and foundations of designing church programs and ministries. Students will also complete one semester of supervised ministry, where they have the opportunity to explore and learn practical skills in a ministry context.

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#### 21 Credit Hours

DIVI 6301—Teaching Preschoolers and Children (2 hrs.)

DIVI 6320—Biblical and Theological Foundations for Age Group Ministry (2 hrs.)

DIVI 6359—Special Topics in Age Group Ministry (2 hrs.)

DIVI 6100—Designing Church Programs and Ministries (2 hrs.)

DIVI 6370—Age Group Practicum (2 hrs.)

DIVI 6349—The Child, Family, and Congregation (2 hrs.)

DIVI 8050—Supervised Ministry (3 hrs.)

Electives (6 hrs.)

