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.

Urban and Social Ministry Concentration

The Urban and Social Ministry concentration focuses on the specific issues related to ministry in an urban setting, such as poverty, social justice, disadvantaged populations, social service and non-profit agencies, and the relation of the church to these unique needs.

The Urban and Social Ministry concentration includes a two-semester residency as a student chaplain in an urban or social ministry setting under the direction of the Urban Ministry CPE Program of the Department of Spiritual Care at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh. The residency should take place in the second year of studies and requires an application and acceptance into the WakeMed Urban Ministry CPE Program.
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Recommended Sequence

**Level One: Foundational Studies**

**First Semester (12-15 hours)**
- Introduction to Theological Education (2)
- Worship and Spiritual Formation (1)
- Introduction to Pastoral Care (3)
- One of the following: Old Testament I or II (3), New Testament I or II (3), Church History I (3)
- Additional core or elective course (optional)

**Second Semester (12-15 hours)**
- Life and Work of the Minister (2)
- Introduction to Urban Ministry (3)
- Christian Theology (3)
- One of the following: Old Testament I or II (3), New Testament I or II (3)
- Additional core or elective courses (optional)

**Level Two: Contextual Studies**

**Third Semester (11-14 hours)**
- Urban Ministry CPE Residency I (8) (Application and acceptance required)
- 1-2 additional core or elective courses

**Fourth Semester (11-14)**
- Urban Ministry CPE Residency II (8)
- 1-2 additional core or elective courses

**Level Three: Integration Studies**
- Core and elective studies in theological and vocational areas to complete degree requirements

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