

OPTIONAL M.DIV. CONCENTRATIONS

Master of Divinity students may choose to use their free electives to earn an optional concentration in one of five specific areas of ministry leadership.

► Intercultural Studies

The Intercultural Studies concentration (ICS) is designed to equip Master of Divinity students for cross-cultural ministry.

This concentration will provide graduates with the requisite skills necessary for successful cross-cultural ministry as they relate to pre-field orientation, entry strategies to new cultures, early and mature cross-cultural church-planting, and development.

Students will integrate classroom studies with cross-cultural field-work programs under the guidance of ministry mentors.

Concentration Courses:[24 semester hours]

- ICS/MIS 6042** Community-based Language Learning(3)
- ICS/MIS 6084** Strategies for Evangelism and Church Planting(3)
- ICS/MIS 6074** Communicating Cross-culturally(3)
- ICS/MIS 6046** Folk Religion and Spiritual Warfare(3)
- ICS/MIS 6085** Facilitating Church Planting Movements(3)
- ICS/MIS 6075** Building and Leading Effective Ministry Teams(3)
- INT 6211 & 6212** Pastoral Internship(3)
- INT 6824 & 6825** Intercultural Internship(3)

Free Electives:[6 semester hours]

► Bible Exposition

The Bible Exposition concentration (BEXP) is designed to enable the student to understand the Scriptures thoroughly, apply them faithfully, and communicate them clearly.

This concentration links exegetical skills in both languages with study in biblical theology, hermeneutics, Bible content, and homiletics.

It prepares individuals for a teaching or preaching ministry in a local church or a parachurch organization.

Concentration Courses:[21 semester hours]

- _____ Greek or Hebrew courses of the alternate language sequence elected in the core(6)
- _____ Bible Book Study(3)

Elect one of the following:

- BIB 6320** Old Testament Theology (3)
- BIB 6330** New Testament Theology (3)

- HOM 7410** Series Preaching from Bible Books(3)
- INT 6211 & 6212** Pastoral Internship(3)
- INT 6220 & 6221** Bible Exposition Internship(3)

Free Electives:[9 semester hours]

► Academic Ministries

The Academic Ministries concentration (ACAD) is designed to enable students to develop their giftedness in teaching and doing research in Scripture.

This concentration provides a basic introduction to biblical studies, equipping in exegesis based on both original languages, practice in the art of research, and mentoring in the multifaceted art of teaching.

It prepares individuals for ministry as a teacher in formal theological education settings such as a Bible college or seminary, as a teaching pastor in a local church, or as a Bible translator in the majority world. By using electives judiciously, the student may prepare for doctoral work in biblical studies.

Concentration Courses:[21 semester hours]

- _____ Greek or Hebrew courses of the alternate language sequence elected in the core(6)
- BIB 6410** History of Bible Interpretation(3)

Elect one of the following:

- BIB 6320** Old Testament Theology (3)
- BIB 6330** New Testament Theology (3)

- RES 6420** Biblical Studies Research and Writing(3)
- INT 6734-6737** Academic Ministries Extended Internship(6)

Free Electives[9 semester hours]

OPTIONAL M.DIV. CONCENTRATIONS (CONT'D.)

► Educational Ministries

The purpose of the Educational Ministries concentration (EdM) is to develop Christian leaders who are competent to conceptualize, plan, and implement educational initiatives to equip the saints in various ministries in the arenas of church ministry, formal and non-formal theological education, and informal seminars.

This concentration prepares students for discipleship and educational ministries in the local church as well as missions and ministry organizations.

The graduate will be able to fill roles in Christian education, children's ministry, youth, family ministries in the local church, and training and development positions in parachurch organizations.

Concentration Courses:[18 semester hours]

- EDM 6031** Biblical and Philosophical Foundations for Education(3)
- EDM 6040** Planning for Learning and Growth(3)
- EDM 6070** Adult Development and Spiritual Formation ..(3)
- ICS/MIS 6075** Building and Leading Effective Ministry Teams(3)
- INT 6211 & 6212** Pastoral Internship(3)
- INT 6744 & 6745** Educational Ministries Internship(3)

Free Electives:[12 semester hours]

► Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Formation

The Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Formation concentration (PCSF) is designed to train church leadership to come alongside Christians and non-Christians and help them see their lives and issues from God's perspective.

Using the redemptive and healing truths of Scripture along with the relational aspects of biblical community, the pastoral leader will help people grow into spiritual and emotional maturity through biblical understanding, inner healing, relational authenticity, and spiritual formation. The pastoral leader with counseling skills will apply his or her understanding of the transformational process to counseling sessions, preaching, teaching, training and program development for the benefit of individuals, churches and organizations. The graduate of this program will be prepared for certification with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

Concentration Courses:[36 semester hours]

- CNC 6330** Church and Mission Health(3)
- EDM 6070** Adult Development and Spiritual Formation ..(3)
- CNC 6730** Premarital, Marital and Family Counseling.....(3)
- CNC 6001** Integration of Theology and Psychology(3)
- CNC 6400** Pastoral Counseling Techniques(3)
- CNC 6410** Crisis Counseling(3)
- CNC 6411** Sexuality Counseling(3)
- CNC 6412** Addictions Counseling(3)
- CNC 6441** Counseling Grief and Loss.....(3)
- CNC 6540** Spiritual Transformation and Group Process(3)
- INT 6211 & 6212** Pastoral Internship(3)
- INT 6254 & 6255** Pastoral Counseling Internship(3)