

Master of Divinity Degree

(3 year program)

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) is a professional degree designed for men and women who have a bachelor's degree and are serving on a church staff or in other ministry positions. Students develop competencies in Bible, church history, doctrine, spiritual formation, as well as servant leadership skills required for local church ministry. The curriculum may be completed in three years, although many students take longer due to family, church, and job responsibilities.

MDiv Goals:

1. Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of the nature and content of the Bible, a working methodology for biblical study and interpretation, and a clear formulation and personal integration of the student's own understanding of the message of the Bible.
2. Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of the central doctrines of Christianity and of the historical models that have been used to articulate and apply them. Students will be able to formulate theological and ethical concepts in light of the heritage of the whole church and to apply these concepts in contemporary life situations.
3. Graduates will demonstrate an understanding of Christian ministry founded on biblical mandates, informed by the church's heritage and relevant to its present circumstances.
4. Graduates will demonstrate an understanding of the process of spiritual formation.
5. Graduates will understand the vision of the mission of the contemporary church, applying the purposes of the church to their specific ministry context.
6. Graduates will demonstrate cognitive and affective skills required of a ministry leader.
7. Graduates will demonstrate a commitment to a lifelong, intentional process of spiritual development and professional growth.

Summative Evaluation: Development of a portfolio that demonstrates the accomplishment of the program goals and competencies for ministry.

MDiv Degree Plan:

Touchstone Course (4)

New Testament Survey (4)

Old Testament Survey (4)

Church History 1 (4)

Church History 2 (4)

Christian Worldview & Theology (4)

Bible Language Tools (4)

The Theology & Practice of Worship (4)

The Theology & Practice of Fellowship (4)

The Theology & Practice of Discipleship (4)

The Theology & Practice of Ministry (4)

The Theology & Practice of Evangelism (4)

Preaching/Teaching for Life Change (4)
Biblical Hermeneutics (4)
Elective (4)
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Capstone Course (8)

Total Hours - 76

MDiv, Recovery Ministry Concentration

The Recovery Ministry Concentration is designed for men and women serving as ministry leaders in Celebrate Recovery® and other faith-based recovery ministries.

MDiv, Recovery Ministry Concentration Degree Plan:

Touchstone Course (4)

New Testament Survey (4)

Old Testament Survey (4)

Church History 1 (4)

Church History 2 (4)

Christian Worldview & Theology (4)

Bible Language Tools (4)

The Theology & Practice of Worship (4)

The Theology & Practice of Fellowship (4)

The Theology & Practice of Discipleship (4)

The Theology & Practice of Ministry (4)

The Theology & Practice of Evangelism (4)

Preaching/Teaching for Life Change (4)

Biblical Hermeneutics (4)

Personal Counseling Skills (4)

Recovery Ministry (4)

Two electives from list below (8)

Building an Effective Ministry Team

Pastoral Care

Leading & Supervising Volunteers

Contemporary Evangelism

Elective (4)

Capstone Course (8)

Total Hours - 84