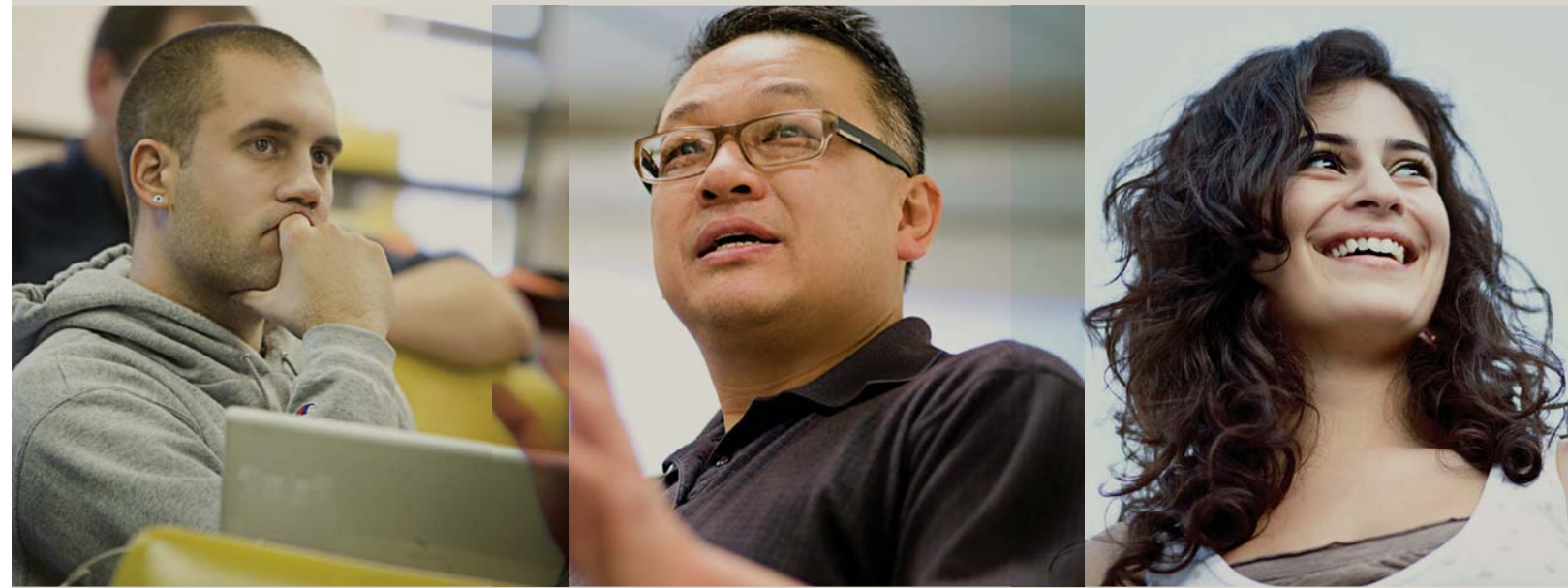




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Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry  
Degree Program

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
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## Master of Arts (M.A.) in Specialized Ministry Program

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Western Seminary offers the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Specialized Ministry degree for students seeking specialized, graduate, theological education. The M.A. in Specialized Ministry is designed for students who see their ministry vocation in an area of specialized ministry. For example, they may serve as associate pastors on a church staff or in parachurch agencies where their ministry will be as a specialist in a particular area. The program is not recommended for those preparing for a ministry where ordination is expected or required (e.g., the pastorate) or for those who anticipate subsequent doctor of ministry studies.

Students will take a common sequence of courses to build the core outcomes in spiritual formation, biblical and theological studies, and ministry studies. As students proceed with their classroom studies, they will be challenged to put what they learn into action through mentored field ministry. The interaction between student, faculty advisor and ministry mentor will facilitate the refining of ministry effectiveness by identifying areas of strength to be honed and areas of critical weakness to be improved.

### M.A. IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRY CORE OUTCOMES

In addition to the Seminary's general educational goals, the M.A. program attempts to achieve specific outcomes:

1. Be a person whose Christ-like character and dependence upon the Holy Spirit are worthy of being emulated, and whose integrity imparts credibility to his/her ministry.
2. Be a person who understands his/her role in the furthering of God's purposes.
3. Be a person who experiences interdependency with other believers.
4. Be a person with a global vision who thinks, acts and prays strategically.
5. Be able to implement a biblically-based philosophy of ministry.
6. Be able to interpret and apply biblical texts using sound hermeneutical principles.
7. Know the major themes and developments of God's redemptive activity revealed in Scripture.
8. Know the historical tenets and contemporary significance of evangelical theology and practice.
9. Be able to think biblically and critically so that various truth claims can be effectively evaluated.
10. Be able to communicate God's truth clearly, accurately, and convincingly.
11. Be able to lead and equip a group of people so that God's purposes are efficiently accomplished in and through them.
12. Be a true life-long learner, building upon his/her seminary training.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Seminary given on pages 18-19, applicants for the M.A. program are expected to present an accredited baccalaureate degree (or its equivalent) with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), including a

breadth of liberal arts. Applicants who do not meet these general academic requirements may petition the Admissions Committee for consideration. A recommendation from the applicant's pastor and three personal recommendations regarding the applicant's Christian character and leadership potential also are required.

### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The M.A. degree is conferred upon the attainment of certain personal and academic requirements. In addition to the general seminary requirements outlined on pages 31-32, degree candidates must (1) give evidence of a genuine Christian character, orthodox belief, and conduct consistent with a God-given call to a position of leadership; (2) complete all courses in the prescribed M.A. curriculum with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, and 3.0 within the ministerial studies subjects. Students may complete their studies in as little as six semesters (two years), including field ministry. The M.A. degree requires a minimum of 60 credit hours.

### MINISTRY SPECIALIZATION OPTIONS

To prepare for their particular ministry area, students will choose one area of ministry specialization. In consultation with their advisor, they will choose eight credits of course work in one area of ministry emphasis. The courses will be chosen in order to build on their previous education and experience and allow them to prepare for excellence in ministry in that specific area. Current specializations include Coaching, Evangelism and Equipping, Camp and Conference Ministry, Pastoral Care to Women, and Youth Ministry. Other areas of potential specialization (e.g., chaplaincy, worship, etc.) may be formulated by academic petition, contingent upon the availability of appropriate courses to support adequately that specialization. Courses offerings at each campus may vary; check with the campus office for schedule information.

### IN-MINISTRY SCHEDULE OPTION

Western Seminary offers the "in-ministry" schedule option for the M.A. in Specialized Ministry degree. This track is designed to make fulfilling the 30 credit residential requirements for an accredited masters' degree more accessible for students significantly involved in ministry roles. Three or four weeks per year (Portland, San Jose or Sacramento campuses), two two-credit courses will be offered in intensive formats (each spanning 2 ½ days), enabling students to complete the "class time" requirements for up to four units in one week. Pre- and post-residential homework assignments will be designed for maximum integration into one's current ministry responsibilities. The remainder of the program's course work can either be completed through distance education or normal residential courses. Eligibility for this track will ordinarily require being at least half-time in paid ministry for the prior year (and maintaining at least this level of involvement for the duration of the program) and receiving the endorsement of one's ministry supervisor. This is a limited-enrollment program and will require making consistent annual progress towards degree completion. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office.

### DEGREE COMPLETION OPTIONS

Course scheduling permits individuals who commute long distances or who are employed in occupations or ministry vocations to make significant academic progress. During their first year, it is recommended that students enroll in the evening and weekend sequence as the initial seminary experience. This three term introduction to theological education provides a base of personal direction, biblical and theological foundation, and ministry orientation for subsequent advanced study and skill development.

**TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.** The two-year program includes one day of weekend classes per week each semester of both years and classes in ministry one or two evenings per week several semesters.

**FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM.** The four-year program begins with one weeknight or weekend each week during the first year. Ministry courses are taken during evenings of the second and third years. The program is completed with weekend classes the fourth year.

**DISTANCE LEARNING.** A number of required and elective courses are offered through the Center for Lifelong Learning. Students may enroll in CLL courses with program advisor approval.

### CAMP AND CONFERENCE MINISTRY TRACK

The Camp and Conference Ministry track provides distinctive and focused training for persons involved—or seeking involvement—in the field of Christian camping. The student will receive biblical and theological training to equip him or her for interdenominational ministry programming in the camp and conference setting. The strategic blend of biblical/theological studies, spiritual formation, management skills and mentored ministry experience will provide a strong foundation for successful participation and leadership in camp and conference programming.

This track is presented in association with Mount Hermon Christian Camps and Conference Center, a premier camping ministry with four locations featuring diverse year-round programs for all ages. Courses and mentored ministry experiences are offered at Mount Hermon's Santa Cruz location, a short drive south of the San Jose campus.

In addition to the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry core outcomes, the Camp and Conference Ministry track attempts to achieve specific outcomes:

1. Explore and understand the philosophical models, educational principles and practical skills related to the camp and conference field.
2. Explore and understand the biblical context for encountering God in natural settings.
3. Explore and understand your individual gifts and strengths and develop your own philosophy of ministry leadership.
4. Explore and understand the operational components inherent in managing a camp/conference ministry.
5. Be able to build, manage and equip ministry teams.
6. Be able to design innovative programs for life transformation and renewal appropriate to the developmental stages of participating individuals.

# Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry Core

**44 CREDITS**

**Spiritual Formation [6]      Ministerial Studies [4]**  
**Biblical Studies [16]      Ministerial Electives [8]**  
**Theological Studies [10]**

(specializations below)

### SPECIALIZATION COURSEWORK:

**Specialization Electives [8]**  
**Mentored Field Ministry [6]**  
**Open Electives [2]**

### CAMP AND CONFERENCE MINISTRY TRACK

(see this page for detail)

### COACHING TRACK

(see page 80 for detail)

### EVANGELISM AND EQUIPPING TRACK

(see page 81 for detail)

### PASTORAL CARE TO WOMEN TRACK

(see page 81 for detail)

### YOUTH MINISTRY TRACK

(see page 82 for detail)

**DEGREE TOTAL  
= 60 CREDITS**



## Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry Program, continued

The program requires a minimum of 60 credit hours:

### Spiritual formation: 6 credits

SFS 501	Learning to Love God and Others .....	(2)
SFS 502	Practicing Prayer and Other Key Disciplines .....	(2)
SFS 504	Growing into Ethical Maturity .....	(2)

### Biblical interpretation studies: 16 credits

DBS 506	Learning to Interpret Scripture .....	(4)
BLS 501X	Interpreting Old Testament I: Genesis - 2 Samuel.....	(2)
BLS 501Y	Interpreting Old Testament II: 1 Kings - Song of Solomon (2)	
BLS 502X	Interpreting Old Testament III: Isaiah to Malachi.....	(2)
BLS 502Y	Interpreting New Testament I: Gospels .....	(2)
BLS 503X	Interpreting New Testament II: Epistles 1 .....	(2)
BLS 503Y	Interpreting New Testament III: Epistles 2 .....	(2)

### Theological studies: 10 credits

THS 501	Knowing the Triune God: Theology I .....	(4)
THS 502	Glorifying the God of our Salvation: Theology II .....	(4)
THS 503	Living as the Community of the Spirit: Theology III .....	(2)

### Ministerial studies: 12 credits

*Required—4 credits:*

DMS 501	Thinking Theologically about Ministry.....	(2)
DMS 506	Developing Godly Leadership 21st Century .....	(2)

*Restricted electives—Select 8 credits from among the following:*

DIS 501	Communicating Christ in Culture.....	(2)
DMS 502	Introducing Theology and Practice of Worship .....	(2)
EMS 505	Growing Disciples Intentionally .....	(2)
PTS 503	Practicing Evangelism and Apologetics .....	(2)
PTS 504	Maximizing the Church's Redemptive Influence.....	(2)
PTS 507	Providing Pastoral Counseling .....	(2)
PTS 508	Developing Strong Families .....	(2)
PTS 510	Preparing and Preaching Expository Sermons .....	(2)

### Mentored Ministry: 6 credits

MFM 500	Discovering/Developing Your Ministry Potential .....	(2)
CCL 531	Camp & Conference Practicum I .....	(1)
CCL 532	Camp & Conference Practicum II .....	(1)
CCL 533	Camp & Conference Practicum III .....	(1)
CCL 534	Camp & Conference Practicum IV .....	(1)

(see program advisor for MFM/practicum details)

### Specialization track: 8 credits

*Required—4 credits:*

CCL 501	Foundations of Camp & Conference Ministry: The Power of the Renewal Experience .....	(2)
CCL 502	Theology and Practice of Ministry in Outdoor Settings .....	(2)

*Restricted electives—Select 4 credits from among the following:*

CCL 511	Program Design for Life Transformation .....	(1)
CCL 512	Essential Elements of Camp and Conference Management(1)	
CCL 513	Building and Equipping Ministry Teams.....	(1)
CCL 514	Programming for Special Populations and Interest Groups(1)	
MCS 510	Introduction to Coaching .....	(1)
YMS 504	Communicating to Youth.....	(1)
YMS 505	Issues for 21st Century Youth Ministry.....	(1)
YMS 506	Spiritual Formation of Youth .....	(1)

### Open electives: 2 credits

**Total: 60 credits**

## COACHING TRACK

The Coaching track is designed to provide specialized training in utilizing the skills of coaching in helping both people and teams experience positive change and accomplish to a greater extent their goals. This ministry skill is important for those wanting a new discipleship/mentoring/leadership model for assisting others towards desired transformation. Special focus is given to developing change strategies and action steps. This track will provide a skill set that will be a strong foundation to ministering in both Christian and secular contexts.

In addition to the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry core outcomes, the Coaching track attempts to achieve specific outcomes:

1. Be able to articulate a biblical model and rationale for coaching.
2. Be able to coach individuals and teams in accomplishment of their goals.
3. Be able to develop and implement a coaching ministry within a church, parachurch or secular context.

The program requires a minimum of 60 credit hours:

### Spiritual formation studies: 6 credits

SFS 501	Learning to Love God and Others .....	(2)
SFS 502	Practicing Prayer and Other Key Disciplines.....	(2)
SFS 504	Growing into Ethical Maturity .....	(2)

### Biblical interpretation studies: 16 credits

DBS 506	Learning to Interpret Scripture .....	(4)
BLS 501X	Interpreting Old Testament I: Genesis - 2 Samuel.....	(2)
BLS 501Y	Interpreting Old Testament II: 1 Kings - Song of Solomon(2)	
BLS 502X	Interpreting Old Testament III: Isaiah to Malachi.....	(2)
BLS 502Y	Interpreting New Testament I: Gospels .....	(2)
BLS 503X	Interpreting New Testament II: Epistles 1 .....	(2)
BLS 503Y	Interpreting New Testament III: Epistles 2 .....	(2)

### Theological studies: 10 credits

THS 501	Knowing the Triune God: Theology I .....	(4)
THS 502	Glorifying the God of our Salvation: Theology II .....	(4)
THS 503	Living as the Community of the Spirit: Theology III .....	(2)

### Ministerial studies: 12 credits

*Required—4 credits:*

DMS 501	Thinking Theologically about Ministry.....	(2)
DMS 506	Developing Godly Leadership for the 21st Century.....	(2)

*Restricted electives—Select 8 credits from among the following:*

DIS 501	Communicating Christ in Culture.....	(2)
DMS 502	Introducing Theology and Practice of Worship .....	(2)
EMS 505	Growing Disciples Intentionally .....	(2)
PTS 503	Practicing Evangelism and Apologetics .....	(2)
PTS 504	Maximizing the Church's Redemptive Influence.....	(2)
PTS 508	Developing Strong Families .....	(2)
PTS 510	Preparing and Preaching Expository Sermons .....	(2)

### Mentored Ministry: 6 credits

MFM 500	Discovering/Developing Your Ministry Potential.....	(2)
MCS 531	Coaching Practicum I.....	(1)
MCS 532	Coaching Practicum II.....	(1)
MCS 533	Coaching Practicum III.....	(1)
MCS 534	Coaching Practicum IV.....	(1)

(see program advisor for MFM/practicum details)

**Specialization track: 8 credits***Required:*

MCS 510 Introduction to Coaching .....(1)

*Select at least six additional credits from the restricted electives below, with advisor approval. (At least two of these credits must be MCS-prefixed courses.)*

MCS 511 Coaching for Change .....(1)

MCS 512 Life and Personal Coaching.....(1)

MCS 513 Coaching Approach to Leading and Managing .....(1)

MCS 514 Coaching in Congregations for Spiritual Development .....(1)

MCS 519 Coaching Supervision .....(1)

MCS 562x Coaching Seminar .....(1)

PTS 505 Providing Pastoral Leadership.....(2)

SFS 515 Becoming a Spiritual Director .....(2)

SFS 543 Readings in Spiritual Classics .....(2)

SFS 545 Readings in Contemporary Spirituality .....(2)

THS 536 Evaluating Approaches to Sanctification .....(2)

THS 561 Equipping for Spiritual Warfare .....(2)

**Open electives: 2 credits****Total: 60 credits****EVANGELISM AND EQUIPPING TRACK**

The Evangelism and Equipping track is designed to provide specialized training in communicating the gospel effectively to non-Christians and in nurturing believers' spiritual growth. Thus it would be a great option for church staff members who wish to focus on outreach and/or discipleship, or for those serving with parachurch ministries similarly committed to fulfilling the Great Commission. The strategic blend of spiritual formation, biblical/theological studies, and mentored practical ministry training provides a strong foundation for fruitful witnessing and edification.

In addition to the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry core outcomes, the Evangelism and Equipping track attempts to achieve specific outcomes:

1. Be able to start a church and assess its health both qualitatively and quantitatively.
2. Be able to employ ethical approaches to persuasion and motivation.
3. Be able to assist others (both individually and collectively) in the process of spiritual growth.
4. Be able to apply a biblically sound and personally relevant method of defending the Christian faith.
5. Understand the distinctive components of a world view and be able to develop a distinctively Christian understanding of life.
6. Be able to evaluate biblically various Christian approaches to sanctification.

The program requires a minimum of 60 credit hours.

**Spiritual formation: 6 credits**

SFS 501 Learning to Love God and Others .....(2)

SFS 502 Practicing Prayer and Other Key Disciplines .....(2)

SFS 504 Growing into Ethical Maturity .....(2)

**Biblical interpretation studies: 16 credits**

DBS 506 Learning to Interpret Scripture .....(4)

BLS 501X Interpreting Old Testament I: Genesis - 2 Samuel.....(2)

BLS 501Y Interpreting Old Testament II: 1 Kings - Song of Solomon (2)

BLS 502X Interpreting Old Testament III: Isaiah to Malachi.....(2)

BLS 502Y Interpreting New Testament I: Gospels .....(2)

BLS 503X Interpreting New Testament II: Epistles 1.....(2)

BLS 503Y Interpreting New Testament III: Epistles 2 .....(2)

**Theological studies: 10 credits**

THS 501 Knowing the Triune God: Theology I .....(4)

THS 502 Glorifying the God of our Salvation: Theology II .....(4)

THS 503 Living as the Community of the Spirit: Theology III .....(2)

**Ministerial studies: 12 credits***Required—4 credits:*

DMS 501 Thinking Theologically about Ministry.....(2)

DMS 506 Developing Godly Leadership 21st Century .....(2)

*Restricted electives—Select 8 credits from among the following:*

DIS 501 Communicating Christ in Culture.....(2)

DMS 502 Introducing Theology and Practice of Worship .....(2)

EMS 505 Growing Disciples Intentionally .....(2)

PTS 503 Practicing Evangelism and Apologetics .....(2)

PTS 504 Maximizing the Church's Redemptive Influence .....(2)

PTS 507 Providing Pastoral Counseling .....(2)

PTS 508 Developing Strong Families .....(2)

PTS 510 Preparing and Preaching Expository Sermons .....(2)

**Mentored Ministry: 6 credits**

MFM 500 Discovering/Developing Your Ministry Potential.....(2)

MFM 501/504 Mentored Field Ministry .....(1+1+1+1)

(see program advisor for MFM/practicum details)

**Specialization track: 8 credits**

Select 8 hours from courses with an EMS, DIS, PTS, or related ministry electives with advisor approval.

**Open electives: 2 credits****Total: 60 credits****PASTORAL CARE TO WOMEN TRACK**

The Pastoral Care to Women track is designed for current and emerging leaders who see their ministry vocation in an area of specialized ministry to women. The student will develop skill in leadership, biblical teaching, ministry design, and shepherding women. This program prepares students to serve in leadership roles in church, parachurch or compassionate ministries to women.

In addition to the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry core outcomes, the Pastoral Care to Women track attempts to achieve specific outcomes:

1. Understand the distinctive physiological, psychological, cultural and spiritual aspects of a woman's life and be able to provide biblically based strategies for effective pastoral care to women.
2. Understand many of the issues that cause women emotional pain (e.g. divorce, widowhood, domestic violence, sexual abuse, etc.) and be able to guide a woman through the reality of the pain towards health, using biblical shepherding principles and referral when necessary.



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- Understand the craft of leadership exhibited by biblical, historical and contemporary women and recognize the import of gender differences. Be able to recruit, mentor and develop strategies as a change agent in leadership.
- Be able to cast vision, build team, discern needs, and design ministry to meet the needs of women in church, parachurch and community arenas. Understand the scope of building, maintaining and advancing ministry to women.
- Be able to communicate God's truth clearly and passionately, by understanding how to develop and present messages appropriate for women's events.

The program requires a minimum of 60 credit hours.

### Spiritual formation: 6 credits

SFS 501	Learning to Love God and Others .....	(2)
SFS 502	Practicing Prayer and Other Key Disciplines .....	(2)
SFS 504	Growing into Ethical Maturity .....	(2)

### Biblical interpretation studies: 16 credits

DBS 506	Learning to Interpret Scripture .....	(4)
BLS 501X	Interpreting Old Testament I: Genesis - 2 Samuel.....	(2)
BLS 501Y	Interpreting Old Testament II: 1 Kings - Song of Solomon (2)	
BLS 502X	Interpreting Old Testament III: Isaiah to Malachi.....	(2)
BLS 502Y	Interpreting New Testament I: Gospels .....	(2)
BLS 503X	Interpreting New Testament II: Epistles 1 .....	(2)
BLS 503Y	Interpreting New Testament III: Epistles 2 .....	(2)

### Theological studies: 10 credits

THS 501	Knowing the Triune God: Theology I .....	(4)
THS 502	Glorifying the God of our Salvation: Theology II .....	(4)
THS 503	Living as the Community of the Spirit: Theology III .....	(2)

### Ministerial core studies: 12 credits

*Required—4 credits:*

DMS 501	Thinking Theologically about Ministry.....	(2)
DMS 506	Developing Godly Leadership for the 21st Century.....	(2)

or

PCW 513	Women in Leadership .....	(2)
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*Restricted electives—Select 8 credits from among the following:*

DIS 501	Communicating Christ in Culture.....	(2)
DMS 502	Introducing Theology and Practice of Worship .....	(2)
EMS 505	Growing Disciples Intentionally .....	(2)
MCS 510	Introduction to Coaching .....	(1)
<i>Students taking MCS 510 may also take MCS 511, MCS 512, MCS 513 or MCS 514 to complete two credits of coaching.</i>		
PTS 503	Practicing Evangelism and Apologetics .....	(2)
PTS 504	Maximizing the Church's Redemptive Influence.....	(2)
PTS 507	Providing Pastoral Counseling .....	(2)
PTS 508	Developing Strong Families .....	(2)
PTS 510	Preparing and Preaching Expository Sermons .....	(2)

or

PCW 515	Develop and Deliver Life-Changing Messages .....	(2)
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### Mentored Ministry: 6 credits

MFM 500	Discovering/Developing Your Ministry Potential (2)	
MFM 501-504	Mentored Field Ministry .....	(1+1+1+1)

(see program advisor for MFM/practicum details)

### Specialization track: 8 credits

*Select 8 credits from the courses below, or related electives with advisor approval:*

PCW 511	Pastoral Understanding of Women .....	(2)
PCW 512X	Women in Pain, Part I .....	(2)
PCW 512Y	Women in Pain, Part 2 .....	(2)
PCW 513	Women in Leadership .....	(2)
PCW 514	Building Relational Ministries to Women .....	(2)
PCW 515	Develop and Deliver Life-Changing Messages .....	(2)
PCW 521	Develop Life Changing Bible Study Curriculum .....	(1)
PCW 522	Women and Spiritual Warfare: Championing Women to Stand Firm in the Face of Adversity .....	(2)
THS 572	Integrating a Theology of Women in Ministry .....	(2)

(Note: Students in the PCW track are required to complete at least five PCW specialized courses. These may include the PCW courses listed in the ministry core described above.)

### Open electives: 2 credits

**Total: 60 credits**

## YOUTH MINISTRY TRACK

The Youth Ministry track seeks to develop skilled youth ministry practitioners with a solid biblical and theological foundation. Hence, instruction will be provided by youth ministry practitioners familiar with both biblical and field-tested perspectives.

In addition to the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry core outcomes, the Youth Ministry track attempts to achieve specific outcomes:

- Know the biblical/theological/philosophical basis for the strategy of youth ministry that best fits the context of their ministry.
- Know how to study youth culture and adolescent development and make effective application of that knowledge.
- Be able to design strategies to effectively reach youth with the Gospel and be an agent of change who contributes to spiritual transformation of youth.
- Be able to manage a youth ministry in a skilled manner as part of a team.
- Be able to design strategies to effectively incorporate youth into congregational life.

The program requires 60 semester hours of coursework:

### Spiritual formation: 6 credits

SFS 501	Learning to Love God and Others .....	(2)
SFS 502	Practicing Prayer and Other Key Disciplines .....	(2)
SFS 504	Growing into Ethical Maturity .....	(2)

### Biblical interpretation studies: 16 credits

DBS 506	Learning to Interpret Scripture .....	(4)
BLS 501X	Interpreting Old Testament I: Genesis - 2 Samuel.....	(2)
BLS 501Y	Interpreting Old Testament II: 1 Kings - Song of Solomon (2)	
BLS 502X	Interpreting Old Testament III: Isaiah to Malachi.....	(2)
BLS 502Y	Interpreting New Testament I: Gospels .....	(2)
BLS 503X	Interpreting New Testament II: Epistles 1 .....	(2)
BLS 503Y	Interpreting New Testament III: Epistles 2 .....	(2)

**Theological studies: 10 credits**

- THS 501 Knowing the Triune God: Theology I ..... (4)
- THS 502 Glorifying the God of our Salvation: Theology II ..... (4)
- THS 503 Living as the Community of the Spirit: Theology III ..... (2)

**Ministerial core studies: 12 credits**

*Required—4 credits:*

- DMS 501 Thinking Theologically about Ministry..... (2)
- DMS 506 Developing Godly Leadership for the 21st Century..... (2)

*Restricted electives—Select 8 credits from among the following:*

- DIS 501 Communicating Christ in Culture ..... (2)
- DMS 502 Introducing Theology and Practice of Worship ..... (2)
- EMS 505 Growing Disciples Intentionally ..... (2)
- PTS 503 Practicing Evangelism and Apologetics ..... (2)
- PTS 504 Maximizing the Church’s Redemptive Influence ..... (2)
- PTS 507 Providing Pastoral Counseling ..... (2)
- PTS 508 Developing Strong Families ..... (2)
- PTS 510 Preparing and Preaching Expository Sermons ..... (2)

**Mentored Ministry: 6 credits**

- MFM 500 Discovering/Developing Your Ministry Potential ..... (2)
  - MFM 501/504 Mentored Field Ministry ..... (1+1+1+1)
- (see program advisor for MFM/practicum details)

**Specialization track: 8 credits**

Select 8 hours from the courses below, or related electives with advisor approval:

- YMS 501 Understanding Adolescent Development ..... (1)
- YMS 502 Developing a Theological Model for 21st Youth Ministry... (2)
- YMS 503 Managing Youth Ministry ..... (2)
- YMS 504 Communicating to Youth ..... (1)
- YMS 505 Issues for 21st Century Youth Ministry..... (1)
- YMS 506 Spiritual Formation of Youth ..... (1)
- CNS 546 Counseling Adolescents ..... (1)

**Open electives: 2 credits**

**Total: 60 credits**