

Master of Arts: Leadership and Formation: Youth, Children and Family Ministry Specialization

Degree Type

Master of Arts

The Master of Arts: Leadership and Formation offers a specialization in Youth, Children and Family Ministry that is designed for women and men in ministry contexts both inside and outside the local church. Students in this fully online program may work as associate, youth, children, or family ministers; parachurch ministry directors; in other youth-serving organizations; denominational and university departments; missions; and in urban or rural environments. Students in this program complete eight four-credit courses, plus two two-credit supervised ministry courses that must be completed near the end of the student's program, scheduled in consultation with the program coordinator.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. The graduate understands and is able to explain Wesleyan-Holiness theology as it relates to Scripture, Christian tradition, reason, and experience in the practice of ministry. (RH)
2. The graduate identifies characteristics of the cultural context of ministry and assesses them through an appropriate theological perspective, compares existing cultures with alternative cultural expressions, and develops personal and corporate practices consistent with the reign of God. (CC)
3. The graduate practices the means of grace (spiritual disciplines) that lead to emotional and spiritual health, personal Christian virtue, and responsible social engagement. (PSF)
4. The graduate integrates Christian theological themes in the understanding and practice of ministry and leadership. (MPL)
5. The graduate understands the historic interplay between cultural, philosophical, and theological shifts that inform Christian ministry practice. (RH)
6. The graduate engages the social context from the perspective of Christian mission to articulate and embody the gospel of Christ. (CC)
7. The graduate utilizes insights of missional leadership to evaluate and assess congregational contexts and move persons and congregations toward practices consistent with a Wesleyan-Holiness theology. (PSF)
8. The graduate understands and is able to explain God's mission in the midst of a dynamic and changing world. (MPL)

Master's Degree Admission and Graduation Requirements

See: [Graduate Theology Master's Degree Requirements](#)

Curriculum

36 semester credits required

Item #	Title	Credits
PRTH6000	OnRamp Program Orientation	0
PRTH6000L	Personal Development Lab	0
BIBL7290	Grounded in the Living Word: Scripture and the Christian Life	4
CHIS6290	Founded on Embodied Tradition: Church History and the Christian Life	4
PHIL7290	Reflecting on Character: Philosophy and the Christian Life	4
PRTH6990A	Supervised Ministry	2
PRTH6990B	Supervised Ministry	2
THEO6290	Engaging with Prophetic Voices: Theology and the Christian Life	4
YCFM6130	Foundations of Youth, Children and Family Ministry	4
YCFM6530	Leadership in Ministry	4
YCFM6730	Missional Ministry	4
YCFM7930	Developmental and Spiritual Formation of Youth, Children and Families	4
Total Credits		36