

# Master of Divinity: Spiritual Formation Specialization

## Degree Type

Master of Divinity

As a professional graduate degree in ministry, the Master of Divinity is designed to prepare students for ordained ministry in contexts both inside and outside the local church. Students specializing in Spiritual Formation tend to be particularly interested in their personal growth in Christ, as well as their ability to lead others toward personal and spiritual growth in a Wesleyan theological context. This extensive program is designed to prepare students for a wide variety of vocational ministry opportunities including pastoral leadership, associate ministries, missions, and chaplaincy.

## 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 theological 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 assesses spiritual journeys, individual and communities, for the purpose of creating a spiritual formation plan that will stimulate growth in acts of piety and mercy, (i.e., inward and outward holiness). (RH)
6. The graduate practices the role of being a spiritual director, by utilizing spiritual formation practices, to a local group in their ministry context. (CC)
7. The graduate understands and develops spiritual formation practices, under the supervision of a mentor, that foster personal and spiritual growth. (PSF)
8. The graduate integrates the various ways spiritual formation may be part of the ministries of a local church in teaching, worship, preaching, and mission. (MPL)

## Master's Degree Admission and Graduate Requirements

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

# Curriculum

75 semester credits required.

Item #	Title	Credits
PRTH6000	OnRamp Program Orientation	0
PRTH6000L	Personal Development Lab	0
BIBL6760	Old Testament Interpretation	3
BIBL7290	Grounded in the Living Word: Scripture and the Christian Life	4
BIBL7760	New Testament Interpretation	3
BIBL8090	Advanced Biblical Exegesis	3
CHED6160	Congregational Education and Formation	3
CHIS6290	Founded on Embodied Tradition: Church History and the Christian Life	4
CHIS6560	History of Christianity I	3
CHIS6960	History of Christianity II	3
PHIL7290	Reflecting on Character: Philosophy and the Christian Life	4
PHIL7560	Philosophical Foundations of Ministry	3
PRTH6180	Formational Practicum	4
PRTH6760	Spiritual and Personal Formation	3
PRTH6880	Nurturing the Inner Life	4
PRTH6960	Missiology and Contextualization	3
PRTH6990A	Supervised Ministry	2
PRTH6990B	Supervised Ministry	2
PRTH7560	Pastoral Leadership	3
PRTH7580	Spirituality of Soul Care	4
PRTH7960	Preaching and Worship	3
PRTH7980	Spiritual Direction	4
THEO6290	Engaging with Prophetic Voices: Theology and the Christian Life	4
THEO7560	Christian Theology I: Central Issues	3
THEO7960	Christian Theology II: Holiness and Contemporary Theology	3
Total Credits		75