

Master of Divinity: Youth, Children and Family Ministry Specialization

Degree Type

Master of Divinity

As a professional graduate degree in ministry, the Master of Divinity is an extensive program designed to prepare students for ordained ministry in contexts both inside and outside the local church. Students specializing in Youth, Children and Family Ministry tend to be particularly interested in discovering the unique contributions and challenges faced in ministering to people of all ages, including the development of children, youth, and adults as productive members of the body of Christ. Following the completion of their degrees, they may work as associate, youth, children or family ministers, parachurch ministry directors, in other youth-serving organizations, denominational offices, missions, and in urban or rural environments.

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 values the role of practical theology in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition and philosophy to inform practices fostering young persons and families. (RH)
6. The graduate understands both the history and contemporary characteristics of human development, adolescence and family systems theory necessary for engaging in youth, children and family ministry. (CC)
7. The graduate articulates and embodies a biblical understanding of faith formation within the community of faith including the family. (PSF)
8. The graduate demonstrates a dynamic integration of practice and philosophy of leadership suitable for ministry in the Church and in the world. (MPL)

Master's Degree Admission and Graduate Requirements

See: [Graduate Theology Master's 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
PRTH6760	Spiritual and Personal Formation	3
PRTH6960	Missiology and Contextualization	3
PRTH6990A	Supervised Ministry	2
PRTH6990B	Supervised Ministry	2
PRTH7560	Pastoral Leadership	3
PRTH7960	Preaching and Worship	3
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
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		75