



SCHOOL OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry (M.Div)

45 Semester Credits

The Master of Theology in Divinity degree provides students the skill set and knowledge to seek an appropriate level of professional certification to serve as a multifaith chaplain in a variety of settings including health care, the military, first response, business, corrections, and the community.

Coursework in the program is designed to combine theoretical and practical learning, emphasizing critical thinking, analysis of divinity practice, and the reading and application of research.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions associated with:

- The current state of knowledge within professional divinity, including philosophy, principles, and legal and ethical responsibilities.
- Various settings in which faith leaders and pastoral ministers practice the unique needs found in those settings.
- Introductory use and application of research methods.
- Strategies to advocate for the role of faith leaders and pastoral ministers.
- The design and implementation of programs and practices to facilitate integrated pastoral care to support clients, organizations, and communities.
- Communication and networking for personal and professional growth, collaboration, leadership, and change management.

Students will participate in courses, assignments with deadlines, and the opportunity to learn with like-minded professionals. The Program ends with the student writing a thesis that identifies a topic within divinity, investigates it through research, and proposes practical solutions for implementation.

Prerequisite: Bachelor's degree

Academic Requirements: 45 credits total

8 required core program courses (8 x 3 credits)	24 credits
2 required CPE units (800 hours CPE) (2 x 6 credits)	12 credits
1 required Thesis Writing course	3 credits
1 required capstone thesis paper	6 credits



Required Core Courses: 8 courses / 24 credits

DV321 Worship I /3 credits
DV322 Liturgy and Worship II /3 credits
DV323 Hermeneutics /3 credits
DV324 Exegesis and Biblical Criticism /3 credits
DV325 Principles of Preaching /3 credits
DV326 Leadership in Ministry /3 credits
DV327 The Roles of a Pastor /3 credits
DV328 Integral Spirituality /3 credits

Required Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) units: 2 courses /12 credits

CPE521 Clinical Pastoral Education / 6 Credits
CPE522 Clinical Pastoral Education / 6 Credits

Required Thesis Writing Course: 1 class/3 credits

MT321 Master's Thesis Writing/ 3 credits

Required Capstone Thesis Paper: 6 credits

Optional WL321: Master's Thesis Writing Lab (not for credit)

Course Modality: Asynchronous Online and Hybrid Practicum Clinicals