

# Master of Theological Studies in Pastoral Care

The program focuses on historical, systematic, and biblical theology as well as pastoral counseling. The program consists of 12 courses of 3 semester credit hours each, for a total of 36 credit hours. There is no required thesis or research project.

## Ministry Studies

**MT 504** Evangelism and the Local Church

## New Testament

**NT 502** The Pastoral Epistles

**NT 504** The Gospels/Life of Christ

## Old Testament

**OT 509** The Christian & Old Testament Theology

## Philosophical & Systematic Theology

**PT 504** Christian Worldview

## Pastoral Care & Counseling

**CO 500** Psychology and Theology

**CE 502** Interpersonal Communication and Conflict Management

**CO 530** Counseling Strategies and Practices: A Biblical Perspective

**CO 540** Crisis Counseling: A Christian Perspective

**CO 560** Assessment and Diagnosis: A Christian Perspective

**CO 620** Addictions Counseling: A Christian Perspective

**CO 680** Pastoral Care of the Elderly

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### Admission Requirements: Master Programs

Students must:

- Possess a bachelor's degree (or its foreign equivalent) from an accredited college or university.
- Provide transcripts of all high school and/or undergraduate work with a grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent from an accredited college or university.
- Provide transcripts of any graduate courses, showing a grade of B or higher (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent from an accredited institution. (See "Transfer of Credits.")
- Submit an Application for Admission.
- Provide a professional resume.

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## Course of Study

### Purpose

The Master degree provides for an extensive, advanced education in a specialized area of Christian ministry. Each is a 36 credit-hour program which integrates theological education and professional courses. The program is especially suited for students desiring to continue on toward doctoral preparation.

All of the College's Master programs are viewed as complete programs. However, transfer of credit may be allowed (up to 6 credits) if course offerings are substantially equivalent to the program of Vision, are from an accredited institution, and received a grade of 2.5 or better on a scale of 4.0. There are no modifications of the basic program listed here without specific permission of the College.

### Goals

- To provide advanced knowledge and understanding of the Bible and the relationship between scripture and the applied discipline.
- To provide knowledge and skills in effective, professional ministry in the area of specialization.
- To provide academic and professional training equal to programs required for advanced Christian service.



## Prerequisites and Graduation Requirements

The twelve courses listed comprise the degree of Master of Theological Studies in Pastoral Care. The Bible & Theology curriculum, produced by some of the world's top biblical scholars and theologians in cooperation with *The Institute of Theological Studies (ITS)*, serves persons who wish to explore disciplines within Christian theology. The pastoral care courses will give allow the student to explore disciplines within the Christian counseling.

### Prerequisite

The Master of Theological studies requires a prerequisite 15 credit hours in Biblical Studies or Theology as well as holding a Bachelor's degree.

### Objectives of the Program

The M.T.S. is especially suited for persons interested in some aspect of teaching and research or engagement in socio-religious issues with an emphasis in pastoral care and counseling. The program is designed to equip men and women for further study, research, or teaching.

### Goals

The M.T.S. in Pastoral Care degree program has as its goals that students undertake a rigorous course of academic study that will provide an opportunity to explore foundational issues in Christian theology and pastoral care.