

- P-761: Self in the Family: Roots of Psychotherapy (3 SH)
- P-770: Basic Research Methodology (3 SH)
- P-800, 801: Clinical Pastoral Education I (6 SH)
- P-820-825: Counseling Practicum I and II (18 SH)

**ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT IN MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY (6 HOURS)**

*Chose two courses from this group:*

- P-623: Couples Systems Therapy (3 SH)
- P-650: Treating Addictive Behaviors (3 SH)
- P-680: Play in the Context of Family Therapy (3 SH)
- P-772: Object Relations Family Therapy (3 SH)
- P-773: Feminist Family Therapy (3 SH)
- P-774: Intergenerational Psychodynamic Family Therapy (3 SH)
- P-775: Structural, Strategic and Briefer Family Therapy (3 SH)

**HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES (3 HOURS)**

*Choose one course from this group:*

- P-525: Aging and the Family (3 SH)
- P-545: The Family – History (3 SH)
- P-625: Divorce and Remarriage (3 SH)
- P-626: Loss and Mourning (3 SH)
- P-646: Families and Larger Systems (3 SH)
- P-755: Affect and Human Transformation (3 SH)

**ELECTIVES (6 HOURS)**

*Two courses from any field*

*Note:* Students may not count the same course in two different groups.

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## DEGREE PROGRAMS MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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The Master of Theological Studies program is for persons who want to learn more about the Christian faith but are not preparing for professional ministries in the church or in church institutions. This degree may also serve as preparation for doctoral studies. Although it includes courses required in other programs, its colloquia and thesis requirement give this degree a distinct focus.

**THESIS AND ORAL EXAMINATION**

The M.T.S. student must write a thesis with a clear focus that demonstrates the student's capacity to do independent

research, to work creatively and discerningly with the major materials relevant to the thesis topic, and to write in an appropriate, scholarly and engaging style.

Upon completing 24 hours of coursework, the student may petition the director of the M.T.S. program to appoint a thesis advisor. A student may not proceed beyond 36 hours of coursework without identifying a thesis topic and having a thesis advisor appointed.

When the student begins thesis research, he or she enrolls in X-825: M.T.S. Thesis, which may be taken in a single semester or two consecutive semesters. A student must register and pay for the X-826 continuation every semester thereafter until the thesis is completed. The thesis should be at least 60 and no more than 100 typed double-spaced pages. The thesis must be submitted at least five weeks prior to the end of the semester in which the degree is to be received.

A thesis committee of three faculty members, chaired by and including the thesis advisor, conducts an oral examination of the thesis. The committee assigns a joint grade for the thesis and the examination; that grade must be at least a B to pass and earn the degree. The final thesis must be turned in to the dean's office prior to Commencement.

**REQUIREMENTS**

The Master of Theological Studies requires 48 semester hours (SH) of elective and required courses, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.3.

The time to complete a degree depends on the number of hours taken each semester. Typically, full-time students complete the degree over three years, by enrolling in six-nine semester hours each semester. A few students have completed the degree in two years. Students have six years in which to complete the Master of Theological Studies degree unless an extension for special circumstances is granted by the Academic Council.

**GENERAL STUDIES (24 HOURS)**

**FIELD I: BIBLE (6 HOURS)** *Any two courses in Bible*

**FIELD II: HISTORY OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY (6 HOURS)**

*Any two courses in History of Global Christianity*

**FIELD III: SYSTEMATIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY (6 HOURS)**

*Any two courses in Theology*

**FIELD IV: CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE (6 HOURS)**

*Any two courses in Christianity and Culture*

**FOCUSED RESEARCH (12 HOURS)**

12 hours from Fields I-IV Such research should be selected from advanced courses with a view towards identifying a thesis topic and pursuing focused thesis research. Courses in Field V and VI can be taken for credit only with the permission of the director of the M.T.S. program.

**COLLOQUIA AND THESIS (12 HOURS)**

**X-820, 821:** M.T.S. Colloquium (6 SH)

**X-825:** M.T.S. Thesis (6 SH)

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## DEGREE PROGRAMS DOCTOR OF MINISTRY IN PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

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The Doctor of Ministry is a systematic program of advanced professional work and theological study intended for experienced ministers who seek to strengthen their competence as leaders of religious organizations. The Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling focuses on specialized counseling ministries in the congregation or in other settings. There are two tracks to the Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling: licensure and non-licensure. The D.Min. PCC licensure track allows qualified applicants to develop a specialized counseling ministry with eligibility for Mental Health Counseling Licensure (LMHC) and professional membership in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC). The non-licensure track supports advanced study focusing on chaplaincy, spiritual direction or pastoral care and counseling in congregational settings.

The time to complete a degree program depends on the number of hours taken each semester. Typically, full-time students complete the D.Min. licensure track in four years and the non-licensure track in three years. Students have five years in which to complete the D.Min. degree unless an extension for special circumstances is granted by the Academic Council.

**PREREQUISITES**

Basic Human Development, Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling and one unit of CPE.

Prerequisites not completed before admission can be made up after admission with the permission of the director but do not count towards the 48 or 60 semester hours required for the degree and must be completed prior to registration for Clinical Practice.

**LICENSURE TRACK**

The licensure track requires 60 semester hours (SH) and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 with at least a B- in all courses applied toward the degree. Prior to completing the project, the student must demonstrate by faculty signature that the Reading Committee has been established, and the Reading Committee has approved the project proposal. A minimum of 500 hours of pastoral counseling and 125 hours of interdisciplinary supervision are required.

**I. SEMINARS (6 HOURS)**

Seminars involve one week of intensive study on campus, significant reading before the seminar begins and written work after it ends.

**D-907:** God, Congregations, and Contemporary Culture (3 SH)

**D-909:** Practical Theology and Project Development (3 SH)

**II. THERAPEUTIC AND CLINICAL STUDIES (30 HOURS)**

Students must have the following prerequisites:

**Basic Human Development and Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling.**

**P-632:** Foundations of Healing (3 SH)

One 600- or 700-level course (3 SH)

**P-624:** Group Dynamics or **P-760:** Group Psychotherapy (3 SH)

**P-635:** Ethical and Professional Issues in Clinical Practice (3 SH)

**P-637:** Psychopathology (3 SH)

**P-656:** Cultural and Contextual Dimensions of Counseling (3 SH)

**P-675:** Vocation and Appraisal (3 SH)

**P-761:** The Self in Family: Roots of Psychotherapy (3 SH)

**P-762:** Contemporary Psychoanalytic Pastoral Psychotherapy (3 SH)

**P-770:** Basic Research Methodology (3 SH)

**III. CLINICAL PRACTICE (18 HOURS)**

**P-820, 821, 822:** Pastoral Counseling Practicum (9 SH)

**P-823, 824, 825:** Advanced Pastoral Counseling Practicum (9 SH)

#### IV. D-999: D.MIN. PROJECT, WRITTEN PRESENTATION AND ORAL EXAMINATION (6 SH)

Both the licensure and non-licensure track of the D.Min. in Pastoral Care and Counseling require students to demonstrate the capacity to engage in advanced reflection in an area of pastoral care and counseling through the written presentation of a significant Project in Ministry. The project includes the identification, description and analysis of a segment of pastoral care and counseling; clarification of theories that bear on the practice; critical and constructive theology in relationship to that leadership or practice; and development of strategies for more faithful enactment of the gospel. When the written phase of the project is completed, a faculty committee appointed by the director of the D.Min. program conducts an oral examination. A project handbook is available from the academic dean's office. A schedule of dates for completion of the project is included in the handbook.

#### PERSONAL COUNSELING

All students are expected to receive psychotherapy during their program. Weekly personal therapy is a prerequisite for practicum admission. Personal therapy with a gifted clinician assists student therapists in working through problem areas in their own lives that may adversely affect clients and their own participation in an emotionally challenging training program; it provides a unique training experience that helps students understand the process of exploring the depth and interrelationship of systemic and intrapsychic features of human life.

*Note:* Students who do not complete the thesis requirement within the five years allowed to complete this degree, but who have completed all other course work, may receive a certificate of advanced professional studies in ministry. Students who elect the certificate option will only be eligible for licensure if they have earned a prior MA degree that meets state licensure requirements for an MA in counseling.

#### NON-LICENSURE TRACK

The non-licensure track requires 48 semester hours (SH) and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and at least a B- in all courses applied toward the degree. Prior to completing the project, the student must demonstrate by faculty signature that the Reading Committee has been established, and the Reading Committee has approved the project proposal. The clinical component of this track will vary depending upon the clinical alternative chosen (see options below).

#### I. SEMINARS (6 HOURS)

Seminars involve one week of intensive study on campus, significant reading before the seminar begins and written work after it ends.

**D-907:** God, Congregations and Contemporary Culture (3 SH)

**D-909:** Practical Theology and Project Development (3 SH)

#### II. THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS (18 HOURS)

These six courses (3 hours each) are selected with approval of the faculty advisor from a list available in the Registrar's and Pastoral Care and Counseling offices. No more than three courses may be taken from Field V.

#### III. CLINICAL PRACTICE (18 HOURS)

*Students choose one of the following three alternatives:*

##### CPE Alternative

- **P-802, 803:** Clinical Pastoral Education II (6 SH)
- **P-804-805:** Clinical Pastoral Education III (6 SH)
- **Two electives from Field V (6 SH)**

##### Spiritual Direction Alternative

- **M-751:** Art of Spiritual Direction (3 SH)
- **M-752:** Spiritual Journey (3 SH)
- **M-753:** Psychological Aspects Spiritual Journey (3 SH)
- **M-754:** Issues in Spiritual Direction (3 SH)
- **Two electives (6 SH)**

##### Pastoral Care and Counseling in the Congregation Alternative

- **P-818, 819:** Residency in Ministry (12 SH)
- **Two electives (6 SH)**

#### IV. D-999: D.MIN. PROJECT, WRITTEN PRESENTATION AND ORAL EXAMINATION (6 SH)

Both the licensure and non-licensure track of the D.Min. in Pastoral Care and Counseling require students to demonstrate the capacity to engage in advanced reflection in an area of pastoral care and counseling through the written presentation of a significant Project in Ministry. The project includes the identification, description and analysis of a segment of pastoral care and counseling; clarification of theories that bear on the practice; critical and constructive theology in relationship to that leadership or practice; and development of strategies for more faithful enactment of the gospel. When the written phase of the project is completed, a faculty committee appointed by the director of the D.Min. program conducts an oral examination. A project handbook is available from the academic dean's office. A schedule of dates for completion of the project is included in the handbook.

#### PERSONAL COUNSELING AND/OR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

All students are expected to engage in focused reflection during their program. This may take the form of individual, couple, family or group therapy, and/or spiritual direction. Personal therapy and/or spiritual direction with a gifted practitioner assists students in working through problem areas in their own lives that may adversely affect both their ministry and their own participation in an emotionally challenging training program; it provides a unique training experience that helps students understand the process of exploring the depth and interrelationship of systemic and intrapsychic features of human life.

*Note:* Students who do not complete the thesis requirement within the five years allowed to complete this degree, but who have completed all other course work, may receive a certificate of advanced professional studies in ministry. Credit may not be conferred for any CTS D.Min. course work that exceeds the 10 year limit.

## LAY CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Christian Theological Seminary offers two certificates for lay people who do not necessarily need or want a full academic degree. These courses are packaged under "Lay Ministerial Studies," "Lay Theological Studies" or "Spirituality and Psychotherapy" and are open to students who normally would enter as non-degree students.

To apply for admission to the certificate programs in Lay Ministerial Studies or Lay Theological Studies, students must submit to the registrar's office a completed application form, a one-page essay describing their reasons for pursuing the certificate program, and a letter of recommendation from their pastor/rabbi or a college or university professor. Students must hold a baccalaureate or its educational equivalent from a college or university accredited by a regional accrediting association. The seminary will admit only a limited number of students who do not possess a baccalaureate degree.

To apply for admission to the certificate program in Spirituality and Psychotherapy, students must submit to the registrar's office a completed application form, a one-page essay describing their reasons for pursuing the certificate program, and an official transcript certifying that they hold a master's degree from an accredited counseling program.

