

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership Specialization in Educational Leadership

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership with a Specialization in Educational Leadership prepares students for ministry leadership through the development and achievement of five objectives. These objectives are supported by specific outcomes.

Objective:

- ❖ Spiritual maturity, moral character, and vision for ministry necessary for building the Body of Christ

Outcomes:

- Ability to articulate personal faith in Jesus Christ
- Ability to articulate a call to ministry
- Practices integrity in personal relationships, including reliability, trustworthiness, and ability to observe appropriate confidentiality
- Exhibits virtues of character, including but not limited to truthfulness, courage, patience, compassion, perseverance, and sexual fidelity
- Practices spiritual disciplines
- Gives appropriate attention to personal, emotional, and physical wellness
- Ability to articulate personal philosophy of ministry

Objective:

- ❖ Commitment to the authority of the Scriptures and coherent understanding of the Bible, theology, Christian heritage, and church polity, enabling the student to make disciples

Outcomes:

- Ability to articulate an understanding of the nature and function of biblical authority
- Coherent understanding of the content of biblical literature
- Coherent understanding of the tradition of Christian thought and current trends in Christian systematic theology
- Coherent understanding of the basic structures of church polity, ideally from the perspective of a student's declared denominational home
- Ability to interpret Scripture in accordance with acceptable principles of biblical interpretation

Objective:

- ❖ Commitment to a theory of learning and philosophy of educational ministries that embodies deep religious convictions and employs effective educational methods

Outcomes:

- Ability to analyze various philosophies of education – biblical, secular, and religious
- Ability to develop and articulate a personal philosophy of educational ministries
- Ability to plan educational ministries that support the philosophy and theology of the student's chosen church or denomination
- Ability to envision, strategize, implement, and evaluate educational ministries consistent with the student's educational philosophy

Objective:

- ❖ Ability to analyze and interpret data relating to the needs and abilities of children, youth, adults, and families in order to develop a comprehensive and well-balanced ministry through the education program of the church

Outcomes:

- Demonstrates a clear understanding of learning styles
- Ability to analyze and communicate own learning style
- Ability to analyze and communicate the unique learning needs of children, youth, adults and families
- Ability to analyze an educational program of a church
- Ability to plan and develop developmentally appropriate educational ministries for all age groups of the church
- Ability to teach and lead learners and educational leaders through a variety of learning styles

Objective:

- ❖ Competence in discovering and developing teachers of the Bible and ministering effectively as one who supervises the curriculum and trains teachers for the local church

Outcomes:

- Exhibits qualities of leadership
- Ability to articulate an educational vision for a ministry or organization
- Ability to analyze curriculum, survey data, and communicate results
- Ability to design and implement an educational plan in a local ministry
- Ability to identify, enlist, and prepare potential leaders for church education ministries
- Ability to provide ongoing training, appreciation, and evaluation for educational leaders of the church