

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership Specialization in Leadership Studies

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership with a Specialization in Leadership Studies prepares students for ministry leadership through the development and achievement of three 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:

- ❖ Competence in developing relationships with individuals of a Christian organization or institution in such a way that they are enabled to formulate and achieve personal and corporate goals.

Outcomes:

- Ability to evaluate and articulate a leadership vision for individuals and/or a ministry
- Ability to engage in mentoring relationships and teach effective mentoring
- Ability to help individuals identify their own potential for growth/ministry
- Ability to communicate congregational goals and priorities through written, spoken, and electronic communications
- Ability to assist a church/Christian organization in effective leadership emergence, theory and practice