

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership Specialization in Spiritual Direction

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership with a Specialization in Spiritual Direction is designed to equip students for ministry leadership through the development and achievement of three learning goals. These objectives are learning goals/objectives evaluated 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, enabling the student to provide spiritual direction

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 providing effective individual and communal spiritual direction.

Outcomes:

- Ability to articulate a thorough knowledge of the history and practice of Christian spirituality
- Ability to creatively plan, execute, and evaluate spiritual formation related experiences, i.e. retreats, communal worship, and prayer
- Ability to effectively understand and employ the process of growth and change in individuals and/or congregations
- Ability to articulate and implement a vision in spiritual direction and spiritual leadership for a ministry or organization