

## Master of Arts in Christian Leadership Specialization in Worship Leadership

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

Objective:

- ❖ Spiritual maturity, moral character, and vision for ministry necessary for building the Body of Christ as a mature music/worship practitioner in the church and in other ministry settings.

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
- Reflects a cooperative and collaborative approach to working with other ministry team members

Objective:

- ❖ Integration of biblical, theological, musical, educational, and leadership skills in order to minister to the needs of people

Outcomes:

- 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 history of the Christian church, its structures, doctrines, and practices
- Coherent understanding of the basic structures of church polity, ideally from the perspective of a student's declared denominational home
- Ability to employ practical reason in a fashion informed by the witness of the biblical text

- Ability to plan and deliver an integrated worship service or church music project

Objective:

- ❖ Commitment to a philosophy of music and worship that embodies deep convictions and employs effective musical and spiritual leadership methods

Outcomes:

- Coherent understanding of philosophies of worship and music of the student's chosen denomination
- Ability to plan and lead worship services consistent with the student's own philosophy of music and worship and appropriate for the student's church ministry placement

Objective:

- ❖ Competence in musical skills of performance and leadership necessary to function as a church music professional

Outcomes:

- Ability to sing and direct vocal musical soloists and groups for church music and worship
- Ability to play at least one musical instrument and to direct instruments, soloists and musical groups for church music and worship
- Ability to organize, recruit, train, and lead vocal and instrumental soloists and groups for church music and worship

Objective:

- ❖ Ability to analyze and interpret data relating to the needs and abilities of congregations in order to develop a comprehensive and well-balanced music ministry

Outcomes:

- Ability to conduct a needs and strengths assessment and interpret the data to grow a music ministry
- Ability to interpret and communicate a music ministry philosophy to a church congregation
- Ability to develop existing musical groups in the church, and to envision and implement new musical groups to enhance music ministry

Objective:

- ❖ Competence in discovering and developing music leaders within a congregation as one who supervises and trains leaders for the music ministry of the congregation

Outcomes:

- Ability to apply methods for identifying, enlisting, cultivating and developing potential music leaders
- Ability to motivate, develop, and strengthen existing church music leaders
- Ability to foster spiritual maturity and team spirit in church music leaders