

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership Specialization in Youth Ministries

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership with a Specialization in Youth Ministries is designed to equip students for effective ministry leadership through the development and achievement of three learning goals. These learning goals/objectives are 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, and church polity, enabling the student to make disciples in a youth ministry context

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 leading a youth ministry through evangelism, discipleship, teaching, administration, and counseling

Outcomes:

- Ability to teach in accordance with accepted principles of biblical exegesis and effective communication
- Ability to creatively plan, evaluate, execute, and evaluate teaching in a ministry context
- Ability to present the Gospel and lead others to a saving and maturing faith in Jesus Christ
- Ability to exercise effective pastoral care through such skills as expressing acceptance, giving and receiving criticism graciously, conflict resolution, and listening skills
- Ability to articulate and implement a leadership vision for a ministry or organization