

Master of Arts in Practical Theology Degree

Curriculum

General Courses for All Tracks

- Biblical Studies (9 Credit Hours)
 - B141 Old Testament Survey 3 CH*
 - B 161 New Testament Survey 3 CH
 - One area elective (English Bible) 3 CH

- Historical/Doctrinal (12 Credit Hours)
 - HD120 Introduction to Church History 3 CH
 - HD320 American Religious and Cultural History 1.5 CH
 - HD360 Introduction to World Christianity 1.5 CH
 - HD233 or HD234 Christian Theology I or II 3 CH
 - HD372 Christian Ethics 3 CH

- Practical Theology General Courses (12 Credit Hours)
 - Contextual Education Requirement 6 CH
 - SM210 Supervised Ministry OR
 - SM610 Clinical Pastoral Education (Required for PC/PT track)
OR
 - Another seminary approved contextual education course
 - P101 Introduction to Practical Theology 3 CH
 - P401 Capstone Course in Practical Theology 3 CH

Track Specializations (27 Credit Hours)

All specializations require 15 credit hours in the subject areas listed under each specialization and 12 credit hours are used for electives. Listed below are the required courses/subject areas for each specialization. The elective courses should be chosen in the areas of the student's strongest interests or desired competencies. In order to fulfill the total course requirements of the degree, electives may be taken in another specialization in consultation with the student's advisor.

Required Courses/Subject Areas for each track:

- **Worship**
 - P131 Introduction to Worship 3 CH
 - Practices 3 CH
 - Music/Arts 3 CH
 - Time 3 CH
 - Liturgical Theology 3 CH

- **Christian Leadership**
 - Theory and Practice 3 CH
 - Systems Theory and Practice 3 CH
 - Congregational Development 3 CH
 - Crisis Management 3 CH
 - Church Administration 3 CH

- **Pastoral Care/Pastoral Theology**
 - P232 Introduction to Pastoral Care 3 CH
 - Relationships, Marriage and Family 3 CH
 - Death, Dying and Bereavement 3 CH
 - Pastoral Care of crisis 3 CH
 - Intercultural or gender-specific care 3 CH

- **Christian Education**
 - P322 Introduction to Theory and Practice of Christian Education 3 CH
 - Lifespan Frameworks 3 CH
 - Pedagogy 3 CH
 - Curriculum or practices 3 CH
 - Ministry for a specific age range 3 CH

In cases where one or more of the required courses are not offered during the two years of the student's program, the five subject areas may be filled by other courses or a independent study (P693) in consultation with the student's advisor.