

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES (M.A.)

Purpose

The Master of Arts in Educational Ministries is a professional theological degree for the leadership of educational ministries. This 36-hour program is designed to equip a man or woman who has been called by God to serve as a professional Christian worker in such capacities as the associate pastor, a minister or director of Christian education at any age level, a discipleship pastor, small group pastor and other positions that require a broad general knowledge of church educational programs and teaching ministries.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Implement a biblical rationale for educational ministries.
- Synthesize the foundations of educational ministries with the knowledge of the literature of the discipline.
- Communicate a set of educational principles to guide educational ministry practice.
- Explain how educational ministries can be used for spiritual development.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, applicants to the *Master of Arts in Educational Ministries* program must meet the following requirements:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent (in any field) from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. Contact information for one Pastoral Recommendation
3. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale)
4. School of Divinity Questionnaire/Personal Statement
5. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Degree Transfer

M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. Degree into the Master of Arts in Educational Ministries (M.A.) Degree

Students who pursue the Master of Arts in Educational Ministries (M.A.) degree after having earned the Master of Arts in Biblical Exposition (M.A.), Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.B.S.), Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.), Master of Arts in Global Studies (M.A.G.S.), Master of Arts in Sports Chaplaincy (M.A.) or Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.) degree may apply 18 hours from the M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. toward the M.A. **as allowed by the M.A. Degree Completion Plan (DCP).**

M.A. Degree into the M.A., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. Degree

Students who earn a Master of Arts in Educational Ministries (M.A.) degree may pursue the Master of Arts in Biblical Exposition (M.A.), Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.), Master of Arts in Global Studies (M.A.G.S.), Master of Arts in Sports Chaplaincy (M.A.) or Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.) degree and apply 18 hours from the M.A. toward the M.A., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. **as allowed by the student's specific Degree Completion Plan (DCP) for the M.A., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S.**

M.A. Degree into the M.A.B.S., M.A.R., M.R.E. or M.Div. Degree

Students who earn a Master of Arts in Educational Ministries (M.A.) degree may pursue the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.B.S.), Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) or Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) degree and apply 30 hours from the M.A. toward the M.A.B.S., M.A.R. or M.R.E. **as allowed by the student's specific Degree Completion Plan (DCP) for the M.A.B.S., M.A.R. or M.R.E.**

Students who earn a M.A. degree may pursue the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree and apply all 36 hours from the M.A. toward the M.Div. **as allowed by the student's specific DCP for the M.Div.**

Students may **not** earn the M.A.R., M.R.E. or M.Div. **first**, and then apply to pursue the M.A. (Students may earn a M.A.B.S. first, then pursue the M.A.C.M.) Students desiring the additional degree must submit an application for admission through the Graduate Admissions Office.

Program of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

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Career Opportunities

- Religious Director
- Christian School Teacher
- Educational Ministries Director
- Spiritual Formation Director
- Discipleship Director
- Family Ministries Director
- Church Administrator
- Christian School or Sunday School Administrator
- Curriculum Director
- Instructional Supervisor