

MASTER OF ARTS IN PRACTICAL MINISTRY (M.A.)

- Pastoral Ministry
- Christian Ministry Staff Member

Purpose

The Master of Arts in Practical Ministry is a professional degree aimed at preparing students to lead in their intended area of ministry. The program is designed to integrate academic learning with hands-on ministry experience. This program is unique because it intentionally leverages experiential learning in a church residency context so that students are able to quickly apply what they are learning in their program to a real-world ministry setting. This approach provides foundational training that is best acquired through direct experience, equipping students with both the theoretical and practical tools necessary for effective ministry.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Apply key ministry skills, principles, and strategies in a local church context
- Develop strategic plans to address the needs of local church members
- Implement biblical and theological training in professional practice or experiences in the field
- Integrate theological literature into ministry

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, applicants to the **Master of Arts in Practical Ministry (M.A.)** program must meet the following requirements:

1. Contact information for one Pastoral Recommendation
2. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale)
3. School of Divinity Questionnaire
4. Residency Verification Form (provided by the School of Divinity)

Transfer Credit

Transfer hours may not exceed 50% credit hours of the program. Transfer credits are considered on a case-by-case basis and must have been completed as M.A. course work within the previous ten (10) years from a regionally accredited program to be accepted. Courses must have a grade of B- or higher to be eligible for consideration for transfer credit. Correspondence studies or life experiences will not be accepted for transfer credit. Credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

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Career Opportunities

- Church Administrator
- Community Chaplain
- Missionary