



MA IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

PURPOSE

The program leading to the **Master of Arts in Christian Education** degree is designed to provide a graduate-level biblical and theological education for men and women who anticipate vocational ministry as Christian education specialists. This program helps prepare its graduates to assume positions as ministers of Christian education, children's workers, ministers of youth, parachurch youth leaders, ministers of adults, directors of family-life education, administrators or teachers in Christian higher education, Christian school teachers and administrators, or women's ministry leaders.

GOALS

In addition to the goals common to all professional degree programs at the Seminary (see the Professional Master of Arts [MA] section of this catalog), students in this program will be able to:

- develop a biblical philosophy of Christian education;
- demonstrate knowledge and needs of at least one ministry population, state biblical goals for that ministry, and apply appropriate educational principles to that ministry;
- organize, administer and evaluate an educational program based on stated goals and objectives, working successfully with people from a variety of ministry situations; and
- communicate effectively in a Christian education ministry setting.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Sixty-five semester hours of coursework are required as a minimum for graduation. Of those hours, 22 are in prescribed Bible Exposition courses, 18 are in prescribed Systematic Theology courses, 2 are in Spiritual Life, 11 are in prescribed Educational Ministries and Leadership courses, 12 are elective Educational Ministries and Leadership hours, and 2 hours are in an internship (SL165 Educational Ministries and Leadership Internship). No thesis is required.

All students in the MA in Christian Education degree program are required to take CE101 Educational Process of the Church, CE102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education, CE103 Teaching Process, CE104 Media Presentations, and SL165 Educational Ministries and Leadership Internship. In addition, each student must select 12 hours in one of the following 10 ministry concentrations. Concentration courses will be selected in consultation with the student's advisor.

ADULT MINISTRY

Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to lead an adult ministry in various ministry contexts.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to organize and supervise a local church or parachurch ministry to children, including the recruitment and retention of adult staff.



COLLEGE TEACHING

Students completing this ministry concentration should have a foundation for success as a teacher in a Christian institution of higher learning. However, most colleges, universities, and seminaries require an earned doctorate in the teaching discipline. Most seminaries and graduate schools of theology also require an MDiv degree or, in some cases, the ThM/STM degree for admission to doctoral programs.

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to serve effectively in a leadership role in an educational institution at the elementary, secondary, or higher level.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to design, direct, supervise, and evaluate the overall educational process of a local church or other ministry.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to develop and direct a church program of family life education, including family classes, counseling, and discipling relationships.

MINISTRY WITH WOMEN

Students completing this ministry concentration should understand women as an audience and learners, and be equipped to teach, lead, mentor, shepherd, and care for women in various ministry contexts.

PARACHURCH MINISTRY

Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to organize and supervise various parachurch ministries either in the United States

or internationally. Courses in this concentration may be selected from any department in the Ministries and Communication division.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to organize and supervise an effective church program of youth ministry at the junior-high and high-school levels.

Those on staff with Cru or Young Life may transfer a maximum of 12 hours toward a Parachurch Ministry concentration. Consult the Registrar's office for further information.

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP—HOUSTON CAMPUS

The Educational Leadership concentration is the only CE concentration available in Houston. Other concentrations will be supported as resources and enrollment allow. Students in the Houston Educational Leadership concentration may take CE105 Teaching Process and Media Presentations in place of CE103 Teaching Process and CE104 Media Presentations. In addition to the core Christian Education courses in the MA/CE program, the Houston concentration also includes CE401 Age-level Ministries, which is only offered at the Seminary's extension sites. Other electives in the Houston concentration will be selected through consultation with the student's advisor.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Because DTS values Christlike character and spiritual maturity, MA/CE students are required to register for and participate in Spiritual Formation groups each of their first four consecutive fall and spring semesters at either the Dallas campus or Houston Campus. (MA/CE students