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Dr. Hopson has worked in Christian education for over 35 years and is an advocate for lifelong learning. She has served as a children's ministry leader, family ministry and literacy director, Vacation Bible School coordinator, and Sunday school teacher. She especially likes mentoring women, young and old. She has served DTS students, faculty, and staff as a member of the Registrar's office team since 2004. Dr. Hopson has five grown children, a lovely daughter-in-law, and one grandson, who are her pride and joy. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, gardening, reading, watching old westerns, *Star Trek* (series and all the movies), and NFL football. She is an avid and often frustrated Dallas Cowboys fan. She and her husband attend Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church in Garland, Texas.

will be selected in consultation with the student's advisor. Contact the Advising Center for a list of courses required for each concentration.

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.

*HOUSTON AND WASHINGTON DC CAMPUSES

The Educational Leadership and Parachurch Ministry concentrations are the only concentrations that can currently be completed at the Houston and Washington DC campuses. Other concentrations will be supported as resources and enrollment allow. Students in Houston and Washington DC may take EML105 Teaching Process and Media Presentations in place of EML103 Teaching Process and EML104 Media Presentations. In addition to the core Christian Education courses in the MACE program, the Houston concentration also includes



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EML401 Age-level Ministries, which is only offered at the seminary's extension sites. Other electives for these concentrations will be selected in consultation with the student's advisor.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Because DTS values Christlike character and spiritual maturity, MACE students are required to register for and participate in Spiritual Formation groups for four consecutive fall and spring semesters at the Dallas, Houston, or Washington DC campus. (MACE students who are not planning to be in residence in Dallas, Houston, or Washington DC for four consecutive fall and spring semesters must contact the Department of Educational Ministries and Leadership concerning how to meet their Spiritual Formation requirement.)

In the Spiritual Formation curriculum, small groups of five to seven students focus on identity, community, integrity, and fidelity. The groups also provide an atmosphere for prayer, fellowship, and the integration of learning with life and ministry.

Because students participate with the same group during four consecutive semesters, they should plan their schedules so they may meet on the same day and at the same time each semester. Spiritual Formation is a noncredit, transcribed experience. Internship prerequisites include successful completion of SF100-1, EML102, and completion of half of their DTS course work.

Additional Spiritual Formation courses focusing on leadership may be taken as electives.

THE MACE AND THE DEDMIN

Those wishing to complete the Doctor of Educational Ministry program may need to take some courses in addition to completing the MA in Christian Education. Individual evaluations of master's-level work required for admission to the DEdMin program in Christian Education may be obtained from the DEdMin office. Requirements will vary depending on the courses that were included in the MACE program. For more information see the DEdMin section of this catalog.

