

## MA IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (MACE)

Locations: ● Dallas ● Houston ● DC ● Extensions ● Online

Hours: 66 Languages: English

### 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-six 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, 3 are in the Christian Life and Witness course, 9 are in prescribed Educational Ministries and Leadership courses, 12 are elective Educational Ministries and Leadership hours, and 2 hours are in the MACE Ministry Formation internship (INT165 MACE Ministry Formation Internship). No thesis is required.

All students in the MA in Christian Education degree program are required to take EML101 Introduction to Educational Ministries and Leadership, EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education, EML103 Teaching Process, EML104 Media Presentations, and INT165 MACE Ministry Formation Internship. In addition, each student must select 12 hours in one of the following 9 ministry concentrations. Concentration courses will be selected in consultation with the student’s advisor.

### Academic Ministry

Students completing this ministry concentration should have a foundation for success as a teacher or administrator in a Christian educational institution at the elementary, secondary, or collegiate level. Note: most institutions of higher education require an earned doctorate in the teaching discipline for employment. Many seminaries and graduate schools also require an MDiv or equivalent degree as the minimum credential for admission to doctoral programs in the disciplines of biblical and theological studies.

**Requirements:**

**Select 1 of the following pairings:**

- EML215 Teaching in Christian Higher Education
- EML310 Administration in Christian Higher Education

OR

- EML260 Advanced Teaching Practicum
- EML320 Christian School Administration

**Select 6 hours from the following:**

- EML210 Curriculum Design
- EML4xx Age-group Ministries Elective
- MW302 Writing for Publication
- WM410 Theological Education in Intercultural Contexts

Other courses as approved by the EML department

## Adult Ministry

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

**Requirements:**

- EML425 Effective Ministry with Adults

**Select 9 hours from the following:**

- EML205 Effective Small Group Ministry
- EML210 Curriculum Design
- EML220 Creativity
- EML260 Advanced Teaching Practicum
- EML420 Outdoor Ministry
- EML435 Effective Ministry with Women

- EML438 Effective Ministry with Men
- EML440 Effective Ministry with Singles and Senior Adults
- EML445 Effective Ministry with Young Adults
- EML450 Women Teaching Women
- EML505 The Christian Home
- EML515 Family Life Education
- EML615 Applied Skills for Ministry Staff
- EML705 Principles of Disciplemaking
- EML710 Practice of Disciplemaking

Other courses as approved by the EML department

## 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.

**Requirements:**

- EML405 Early Faith Foundations
- EML410 Effective Ministry with Children
- EML412 Ministry to Children at Risk

**Select 3 hours from the following:**

- EML220 Creativity
- EML420 Outdoor Ministry
- EML505 The Christian Home
- EML515 Family Life Education
- EML615 Applied Skills for Ministry Staff

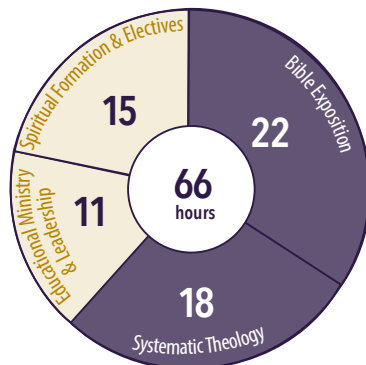
- EML620 Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

Other courses as approved by the EML department

Bible Exposition		22
BE101	Bible Study Methods and Hermeneutics	3
BE102	Old Testament History I	3
BE103	Old Testament History II and Poetry	2
BE104	Old Testament Prophets	3
BE105	The Gospels	2
BE106	Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
BE107	Hebrews, General Epistles, and Revelation	3
BE109	Ruth, Psalms, Jonah, and Selected Epistles	3
Systematic Theology		18
ST101	Theological Method and Bibliology	3
ST102	Trinitarianism	3
ST103	Angelology, Anthropology, and Hamartiology	3
ST104	Soteriology	3
ST105	Sanctification and Ecclesiology	3
ST106	Eschatology	3
Educational Ministry & Leadership		11
EML101	Introduction to Educational Ministry and Leadership	3
EML102	History and Philosophy of Christian Education	3
EML103*	Teaching Process	2
EML104*	Media Presentations	1
INT165	MACE Ministry Formation Internship	2

Spiritual Formation and Electives		15
PM105	Christian Life and Witness	3
	Spiritual Formation (4 semesters)	0
	Concentration Electives	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>66</b>

\* Students may substitute EML105 Teaching Process and Media Presentations (3 hours) for EML103 and EML104



earn up to  
**12**  
 hours in ministry

complete up to  
**44**  
 hours online



### 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.

#### Requirements:

- EML3xx Leadership and Administration Elective
- EML4xx Age-group Ministries Elective
- An additional 6 hours as approved by the EML department.

### Marriage and Family Ministry

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

#### Requirements:

- EML515 Family Life Education

#### Select 9 hours from the following:

- EML205 Effective Small Group Ministry
- EML210 Curriculum Design
- EML325 Legal and Financial Issues in Ministry
- EML4xx Age-group Ministries Elective
- EML505 The Christian Home
- EML615 Applied Skills for Ministry Staff
- EML620 Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

Other courses as approved by the EML department

### 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.

#### Requirements:

- EML435 Effective Ministry with Women
- EML450 Women Teaching Women

#### Select 6 hours from the following:

- EML205 Effective Small Group Ministry
- EML260 Advanced Teaching Practicum

- EML425 Effective Ministry with Adults
- EML505 The Christian Home
- EML515 Family Life Education
- EML615 Applied Skills for Ministry Staff
- EML705 Principles of Disciplemaking
- EML710 Practice of Disciplemaking
- PM351 The Role of Women in Ministry

Other courses as approved by the EML department

### 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.

#### Requirements:

- 12 hours approved by the EML Department

### Spiritual Formation and Disciplemaking

Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to design, implement, and oversee a biblical program incorporating elements of spiritual formation and discipleship in a church or parachurch setting.

#### Requirements:

- EML705 Principles of Disciplemaking
- EML730 Spiritual Formation in Historical Perspective

#### Select 6 hours from the following:

- EML205 Effective Small Group Ministry
- EML210 Curriculum Design
- EML425 Effective Ministry with Adults
- EML435 Effective Ministry with Women
- EML438 Effective Ministry with Men
- EML445 Effective Ministry with Young Adults
- EML615 Applied Skills for Ministry Staff
- EML710 Practice of Disciplemaking
- EML740 Spiritual Formation in Contemporary Culture
- EML750 Spiritual Disciplines
- EML760 Readings in Christian Spirituality

Other courses as approved by the EML department







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. Electives for these concentrations will be selected in consultation with the student's advisor.

## MACE and Doctoral Work

Those desiring to apply for the Doctor of Educational Ministry program may need to complete some leveling courses in addition to the MA in Christian Education. Individual evaluation of master's-level work required for admission to the DEdMin program may be obtained from the Doctor of Ministry office. Requirements vary depending on the courses included in a each student's MACE coursework. For more information see the DEdMin section of this catalog.

### Youth and Young Adult Ministry

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

#### Requirements:

- EML415 Effective Ministry with Youth  
OR
- EML445 Effective Ministry with Young Adults
- EML430 Ministry Strategies for Youth and Young Adults
- EML615 Applied Skills for Ministry Staff

#### Select 3 hours from the following:

- EML205 Effective Small Group Ministry
- EML210 Curriculum Design
- EML325 Legal and Financial Issues in Ministry
- EML420 Outdoor Education
- EML450 Women Teaching Women
- EML505 The Christian Home
- EML515 Family Life Education
- EML620 Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse
- EML705 Principles of Disciplemaking
- EML710 Practice of Disciplemaking

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### \*Houston and Washington, DC Campuses

The Educational Leadership, Ministry with Women, and Parachurch Ministry concentrations are the only concentrations that can currently be completed at the Houston campus. The Educational Leadership and Parachurch Ministry concentrations are the only concentrations that can currently be completed at the Washington, DC campus. Other concentrations will be

