

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

The Children and Family Ministry specialization of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology is designed to provide graduate-level training for students in a variety of professional roles focused upon ministry to the needs of children and families.

Objectives

Upon completion of this program the student will be able to:

1. Develop an advanced knowledge in the study, interpretation, and application of the Word of God, especially in relation to ministry to children and families.
2. Develop an advanced understanding of the professional insights to be used in the enhancement of ministry to children and families.
3. Improve skills relating to the various administrative and leadership processes in children and family ministry.
4. Demonstrate analytical thinking, especially in relation to the spiritual development of children, the care of special issues in children, and the implementation of family ministry.
5. Utilize basic disciplines and methodologies so that independent study of Scriptures may be continued and applied to the furtherance of Christian worldview throughout future generations.

Prerequisites

1. All students must have THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History or its equivalent at an undergraduate level.
2. Those students who have not taken THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics or its equivalent at an undergraduate level must take THE 5413 Systematic Theology I as part of their graduate program.
3. Those who have not taken REL 1153 New Testament Literature and REL 1163 Old Testament Literature or their equivalent at an undergraduate level must take BIB 5133 Biblical Backgrounds as a part of their graduate program.
4. Those who have not taken BIB 3483 Hermeneutics or its equivalent at the undergraduate level must take BIB 5123 Biblical Hermeneutics as part of their graduate program.

Graduation Requirement

Students must apply for graduation and successfully pass the Graduate Comprehensive Examinations prior to being approved for graduation from the Registrar's office. Application for graduation must be made by the end of late registration in the semester in which the student anticipates to graduate. In order to qualify for a specific graduation date, graduating students must have all program and course requirements completed. Contact the Graduate Studies Office and Registrar's Office for more information.

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PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT: *24 hours*

CFM 5113 Advanced Leadership of Children and Family Ministries

CFM 5123 Ministering to Children with Challenging Issues

CFM 5133 Strategies for the Spiritual Development of Children

PTH 5113 Research Literature and Technology

PTH 5123 Family Ministry in the Church

9 hours from the following courses:

COU 5413 Marriage and Family Counseling

EDU 5713 Studies in Classroom Management

EDU 5723 Principles and Practices of Early Childhood Education

EDU 5743 Advanced Strategies of Learning

PTH 5473 Ministry Within Cultural Diversity

ELECTIVES COMPONENT: *12 hours*

12 hours from BIB / PTH/ THE and/or COU/EDU/PSY by Graduate Chair approval for the respective programs.

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 36