

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY SPECIALIZATION

The Practical Theology specialization is a program within the Theological Studies degree designed to prepare professional and lay ministers especially in the areas of the local church and specialized settings.

Objectives

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

1. Apply biblical theologies of ministry and mission for effective strategies in ministry.
2. Evaluate and design effective strategies for servant leadership in the context of the local church and/or specialized settings of ministry.
3. Articulate a philosophy of evangelism and discipleship that is concerned with the personal needs and spiritual transformation of individuals within their ministries.

Prerequisites

1. All students must have THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History or its equivalent at an undergraduate level.
2. Those student 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 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.
5. Students who have not had CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching or its equivalent must take PTH 5823 Preaching With Purpose.
6. Those who have not taken CMN 3353 Church Administrative Leadership or its equivalent must take PTH 5213 Church Administration as part of their graduate program.

Thesis Option

Thesis option is especially designed for and usually limited to students who plan to continue their graduate work in a Ph.D. doctoral program after completing their MA. In this option, the student takes two 3-hour courses of Thesis in the Elective Component of the degree plan. These two courses must be taken in two consecutive regular semesters (Fall-Spring or Spring-Fall, not available in Summer). This option must be approved by the Graduate Chair of Theological Studies during the semester prior to the student's first semester of thesis.

Graduation Requirement

Students must apply for graduation and successfully complete the Graduate Comprehensive Examination or the Thesis option prior to being approved for graduation by 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*

- PTH 5113 Research Literature and Technology
- PTH 5323 Leadership in Ministry
- PTH 5473 Ministry Within Cultural Diversity
- PTH 5513 Pastoral Care
- PTH 5623 Practical Theological Issues in Ministry
- THE 5213 Spiritual Dynamic in Ministry Today

3 hours from the following:

- PTH 5213 Church Administration
- PTH 5243 Church Growth and Evangelism Strategies

3 hours from the following:

- PTH 5483 Nurture Ministries of the Church
- PTH 5823 Preaching with Purpose

ELECTIVES COMPONENT: *12 hours*

Non-Thesis Option:

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

Thesis Option: Thesis is reserved for students planning to pursue a Ph.D. (*Students completing both sections of the 3 hour thesis would not be required to take the Graduate Comprehensive Exam*)

PTH 5913 Thesis (two sections required)

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

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 36