The Master’s degrees in Practical Theology prepare students spiritually, academically, professionally, and cross culturally in areas of biblical studies, theological understanding, and practical ministry.

**Program Entrance Requirements**

To be accepted into these programs, the student must have an undergraduate degree with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 from an accredited college or university. Any exceptions must be approved by the Dean of the Harrison Graduate School.

**Thesis Option**

A “Thesis Option” is provided for each of these programs except Children and Family Ministry. This 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 M.A.

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 Department Chair during the semester prior to the student’s first semester of thesis.

**Graduation Requirement**

Students must apply for graduation and successfully pass the Graduate Comprehensive Examinations or the Thesis Option 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 School Office and Registrar’s Office for more information.
The Children and Family Ministry program provides graduate-level training for students in a variety of professional roles focused upon ministry to the needs of children and families.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

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

1. Use advanced knowledge in the study, interpretation, and application of the Word of God, especially in relation to ministry to children and families.
2. Employ skills relating to the various administrative and leadership processes in children and family ministry.
3. 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.
4. 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 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 School Office and Registrar’s Office for more information.