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MAJOR STUDIES 57 Hours

BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
CMN 2113 Leadership of Children and Family Ministry
CMF 3113 Bridging Between Children and Youth
CMF 4113 Contemporary Issues in Children and Families
CMN 2913 Pastoral Counseling
CMN 3113 Ministry of Teaching
CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry
CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
CMN 4113 Family Ministry
COM 3113 The Church and Media
PMN 3363 Biblical Preaching Laboratory
REL 3113 Christianity in the Ancient and Middle Ages  or  REL 3123 Christianity from the Reformation to the Postmodern Era
SOC 2253 Marriage and Family Relationships

6 hours from
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Internship: 12 hours

The following courses each include a requirement of ministry involvement:
CMF 2123 Spiritual Formation of Children
CMF 2133 Creative Methods for Communicating to Children
CMF 4123 Reaching Children in Unique Contexts
PMN 4413 Principles and Practices of Pastoral Ministries

GENERAL ELECTIVES 12 Hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 126 Hours

4. Develop creative programming and deliver biblical truths in a wide variety of settings, through a wide variety of teaching methods and presentation techniques.

5. Create specific ministries aimed at bridging between children and youth ministries and helping upper elementary children and their parents positively transition to the teenage years.

6. Administer pastoral care and advocacy to and for children and families affected by a variety of current societal issues and special needs.

7. Create and direct family ministries that include: help and resources for parents to utilize in the discipleship of their children; opportunities for family members to minister together; and intergenerational efforts for facilitating community.

8. Direct an entire children and family ministry program, including the recruitment, development, and management of staff.

Additional Program Stipulations

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4. Veterans with at least 6 months of service may apply for and receive 4 hours of credit for physical education. Contact the Registrar’s Office.