

## **GRADUATE PROGRAM: Learning Outcomes**

### **Master of Arts in Christian Ministry Learning Outcomes**

*Students will be able to...*

1. Interpret Scripture through interaction with historical analysis and theological inquiry, in order to offer contextual application.
2. Engage in spiritual practices for continued maturity in Christ.
3. Demonstrate cultural agility through appreciation of multicultural and multi-generational contexts.
4. Implement scriptural principles to build Christian community.

### **CONCENTRATION: Biblical Studies**

The Biblical Studies concentration is designed to empower students to study the biblical text at the deepest level. The course of study facilitates interaction with the biblical languages, hermeneutical methodologies, exegesis of Scripture, and modern studies essential for the construction of the socio-historical setting of the text.

### **Biblical Studies Concentration Learning Outcomes**

*Students will be able to...*

1. Exegete texts using biblical language-based commentaries and other resources.
2. Dialog about issues in biblical studies debated and discussed by generations of scholars.
3. Utilize biblical interpretation for direct application to ministry settings.

### **CONCENTRATION: Spiritual Formation**

The Spiritual Formation concentration is designed to guide students in their own inner transformation through Christ so that they can, in turn, help guide others to healing in Jesus. The course of study unearths the process of Christian formation through biblical, theological, and historical inquiries into Spirit-centered transformation of the individual, the church, and the world.

### **Spiritual Formation Concentration Learning Outcomes**

*Students will be able to...*

1. Identify the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the spiritually maturing believer.
2. Integrate spiritual pathways and practices for individuals and local Christian communities.
3. Disciple others through relationships and spiritual practices.

### **CONCENTRATION: Strategic Leadership**

The Strategic Leadership concentration is designed to develop a biblical centered agility in students called to lead in a variety of ministry settings (e.g., churches, non-profits, para-church organizations). The course of study navigates the unpredictable nature of leadership contexts through examinations of conflict, team-building, crisis settings, multi-cultural dynamics, and the importance of self-awareness for Christian leaders.

### **Strategic Leadership Concentration Learning Outcomes**

*Students will be able to...*

1. Lead an organization through navigating both internal and external change dynamics.
2. Engage difficult leadership (or organizational) situations with Christian principles.
3. Identify the value and challenges of multi-cultural settings from a leadership perspective.