

MA Pastoral Ministry College of Arts & Humanities

About the Program

Overview

The Pastoral Ministry Program is designed to prepare new and seasoned individuals for service in various fields of ministry. The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry is designed to deepen the student's skills and awareness of the obligations of ministry through study and cooperation and communication with established agencies and individuals already in place.

The program applies principles of Christian humanism to the spiritual, social, and service needs of those served and the spirit of the Franciscan philosophy which informs the foundational values for Madonna University.

Program Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Integrate knowledge of basic Christian tradition, teachings, and interpretations in the practical application of ministerial service.
2. Demonstrate written, verbal, and hand-on capabilities appropriate to the chosen field,
3. Apply principles of counseling, effective listening skills, team approach skills, and cross-disciplinary expertise to contemporary cross-cultural and ecumenical facets of ministry,
4. Demonstrate practical and strategic decision-making skills for implementation in multi-cultural venue,
5. Formulate plans of action that include short- and long-term service programs, as well as appropriate referrals.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the pastoral ministry program are

evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Possession of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, with an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
2. Undergraduate courses in Old and New Testaments and an Introduction to Philosophy. Students lacking these prerequisites may test out or be required to take the appropriate courses prior to beginning the program.
3. Two recommendations (University forms) from current employers or professionals who can speak to applicant's aptitude for this program.
4. Submission of a statement of purpose with projected goals and objectives to be realized through the program.
5. Admission interview with a member of the Religious Studies Department with personal background clearance related to any past criminal record.

Unique Features

The uniqueness of the program lies in the options open to professionals who seek to enhance their areas of expertise. These options are:

1. A Pastoral Ministry program focusing on church-related services.
2. A Criminal Justice component focusing on the needs of potential and current juvenile offenders, incarcerated adults, and their family members; jail ministry.
3. A Hospice component focusing on the needs of sick/dying/grieving people, their family members and care givers.

Requirements

This 34 semester hour program consists of core courses, cognate courses, and electives.

Core Courses (14 s.h.)

MPM 5000	Prophets & Pre-prophetic Ministry (2 s.h.)
MPM 5050	Gospel Writers: Gospel Writings (2 s.h.)
MPM 5100	Ministerial Identity & Pastoral Skills (3 s.h.)
MPM 5225	Franciscan Themes: Justice, Peace & Christian Conscience (2 s.h.)
MPM 6600	Praxis: Colloquy & Oral Defense (3 s.h.)

Choose One:

MPM 6010	Bio-ethics and Sexuality (2 s.h.)
MPM 6020	Public Issues & Christian Morality (2 s.h.)
MPM 6030	Values: Biblical & Modern (2 s.h.)

Cognates

Pastoral Ministry

MPM 5440	Grief Ministry (2 s.h.)
MPM electives	(18 s.h.)

Hospice

HSP 5000	History & Philosophy of Hospice (3 s.h.)
HSP 5010	Dimensions of Bereavement: Theory, Research & Practice (3 s.h.)
HSP 6000	Advanced Holistic Palliative Care (3 s.h.)
HSP 6010	Transcultural, Legal & Ethical Issues (3 s.h.)
MPM electives	(8 s.h.)

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Cognates Continued:

Bereavement

HSP 5200 Grieving Family Systems (3 s.h.)
HSP 5300 Complicated Grief & Related Disorders (3 s.h.)
HSP 5400 Developing Comprehensive Programs (3 s.h.)
HSP electives (9 s.h.)

Criminal Justice

CJ 5010 Criminal Justice Organization & Administration (3 s.h.)
CJ 5020 The Criminal Justice System (3 s.h.)
CJ 5210 Corrections Process (3 s.h.)
CJ 5230 Juvenile Justice (3 s.h.)
MPM electives (8 s.h.)

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Elective MPM Courses Include:

- MPM 5015 Contemporary Prophets: their lives and their message
- MPM 5060 Models of Ministry in the Pauline Corpus
- MPM 5125 Spirituality & Faith Development
- MPM 5140 Christian Spiritualities
- MPM 5440 Grief Ministry
- MPM 5510 Women & Ministry
- MPM 5560 Pastoral Care Across Cultures
- MPM 6040 Leadership & Authority
- Plus the option either individual or colleague group arrangement of Special Topics and Independent Study and Research