

# CONCENTRATIONS

A concentration is a cluster of related courses beyond the core and are designed for vocational or disciplinary specialization in one of three areas: Applied, Classical, or related to a partnership organization. For students in degree programs which don't require concentrations, students who choose to do so may need to take independent studies or extend the length of their time at seminary in order to fulfill the requirements of their concentration.

## Applied Area

### Anglican Studies

- San Diego - Face to Face
- M.Div., M.A.Min.

The Anglican Studies courses are intended primarily for Master of Divinity students seeking ordination in the Anglican Church of North America. However, these courses can be used as an Anglican Studies concentration in either the M.Div. program or the Master of Arts in Ministry program. Concentration courses include:

Code	Title	Credits
HS 689	Anglican Spirituality	3
HS 690	Anglican Theology and History	3
ML 674	Ministry with the Sacraments	3
ML 679	Worship in the Prayer Book Tradition	3
Total Credits		12

### Chaplaincy

- San Diego - Face to Face
- M.Div., M.A.Min.

This program will enable chaplains and those preparing for chaplaincy to train for ministry in contexts such as healthcare services, educational institutions, businesses and corporations, correctional facilities, and the military. In addition to theological and ethical training, graduates of the program will be knowledgeable of the ways in which pastoral care is put into practice in non-church/parish settings. Concentration courses include:

Code	Title	Credits
MF 500	Principles of Counseling	3
MF 635	Individual Development, Aging, Family Life Cycle	3
MH 656	Crisis Intervention and Trauma Response	3

PC 729	Chaplaincy in Contemporary Society	3
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Total Credits 12

## Children's and Family Ministry

- St. Paul - Online with Intensives only
- M.Div. only

Concentration requires students to complete 12 credits of courses in the Children's and Family Ministry subject area.

Code	Title	Credits
CF Course		3
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Total Credits		12

Possible CF courses in this area include CF 510 Introduction to Children's and Family Ministry; CF 620 Teaching and Learning Process; CF 610 Ministry with Families through the Life Cycle; and CF 612DE Global/Missional Perspectives of Children's and Family Ministry.

## Church Planting

- San Diego, St. Paul, Online
- M.Div., M.A.Min.

This concentration is designed to provide foundational training for individuals seeking to plant a new church. Students who complete this concentration will be prepared to develop a vision for a new church, organize teams and a support network to launch a new church, plan worship services and welcoming experiences, and create and implement systems to sustain a new church. Concentration courses include:

Code	Title	Credits
ML 531DE	Church Planting Vision and Preparation	3
ML 533DE	Critical Worship Service Elements for Church Plants	1.5
ML 535DE	Creating Sustainable Church Plants	3
Free Elective		4.5
Total Credits		12

Through a partnership with Gateway Leaders, students can transfer the Cultivate Church Planting (Cultivate) experience to Bethel for 9 credits, fulfilling ML 531DE, ML 533DE, ML 535DE and 1.5 credits of free elective. Students seeking to take Cultivate must register for Cultivate through Gateway Leaders and, upon

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completion of Cultivate, request Gateway Leaders to send their transcript to Bethel Seminary.

### Missional Leadership

- San Diego - Face to Face
- M.Div., M.A.Min.

The Missional Leadership concentration is offered at Bethel Seminary San Diego. It is designed to equip participants to both lead and develop leaders who in turn can develop other leaders in rising generations. The curriculum is intended to produce individuals who are theological thinkers, missional activists, leadership developers, cultural architects, spiritual mentors, and relevant communicators. Concentration courses include:

Code	Title	Credits
CM 651	Principles of Community Development	1.5
ML 623	Researching Context of Ministry	1.5
GC 614	Christianity and Culture	1.5
GC 659	Implementing Change	1.5
GC 656	Understanding Cults	1.5
PC 610	Pastoral Counseling Skills	1.5
GC 609	Intercultural Communications	1.5
ML 506	Discipleship in Community	1.5
Total Credits		12

### Pastoral Care and Counseling

- San Diego - Face to Face
- M.Div., M.A.Min.

This concentration enables students to prepare for the counseling tasks common in ministry settings as well as for preventive educational efforts in the church. The curriculum provides preparation in pastoral care and counseling enabling those involved in a local church as well as agency ministries to enhance health and wholeness in the variety of organizational and social contexts served by these ministries. Concentration courses include:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Choose course according to program</b>		
PC 512	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling (For MAMin students only)	3
PC or SP elective of choice (3 credits) (For MDiv students, since they already take PC 512 as part of their degree requirements)		
MF 500	Principles of Counseling (For MDiv students only)	3
MH 656	Crisis Intervention and Trauma Response	3

MF 635	Individual Development, Aging, Family Life Cycle	3
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### Transformational Leadership

- St. Paul - Online with Intensives only
- M.Div. only

The Transformational Leadership concentration is designed for individuals anticipating service as pastors of local churches. Recognizing the diversity of roles demanded of the pastor, the concentration's primary focus is on development of the knowledge, attitude, and skills of an effective servant leader in the global church of the 21st century. The concentration requires 12 credits of courses in the Ministry Leadership subject area.

Code	Title	Credits
ML Course		3
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ML Course		3
Total Credits		12

## Classical Area

### Biblical Studies

- San Diego/St. Paul -Face to Face & Fully Online
- M.Div., M.A. (Theological Studies)

The Biblical Studies concentration deepens students' understanding of the Bible's history and its integrative themes, and equips them with additional skills for responsible interpretation of the biblical message. The concentration is also recommended as preparation for advanced degrees in biblical studies. Concentration requires 12 credits of courses in the Biblical Interpretation, Biblical Theology, Old Testament, and/or New Testament subject areas.

Code	Title	Credits
BI, BT, OT, or NT Course		3
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Total Credits		12

### Christian Thought

- San Diego/St. Paul -Face to Face & Fully Online
- M.Div.

A concentration in Christian Thought is designed to enable M.Div. students to focus on the intellectual exploration of the Christian faith and the intersection of

Christianity and culture. It serves students who desire church ministry vocations in teaching, discipleship, and apologetics as well as students who may wish to go on for further graduate study in theological studies. Students participate in internships with the Office of Formation, Supervised Ministry, and Placement. Those who sense a call to teaching, outreach, or discipleship ministry using the concentration in Christian Thought may develop their internships with those ministries in view. Concentration requires 12 credits of courses in the Theological Studies and/or Philosophy of Religion subject areas.

Code	Title	Credits
TS, or PH Course		3
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Total Credits		12

### Theological and Historical Studies

- San Diego/St. Paul - Face to Face & Online
- M.Div., M.A. (Theological Studies)

This concentration acquaints students more fully with the theological resources of the Christian tradition and the church's experience through the centuries. It provides opportunity to develop theological skills and to selectively appropriate from the Christian heritage what may be usefully applied to contemporary challenges and opportunities. The concentration is also recommended as preparation for advanced degrees in these fields. Concentration requires: 12 credits of courses in the Historical Studies, Theological Studies, and/or Philosophy of Religion subject areas.

Code	Title	Credits
HS, TS, or PH Course		3
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Total Credits		12

## Partnership Concentrations

Bethel Seminary offers credit for specific courses taught by the staff of partnership organizations. These partnership concentrations are available to students enrolled in a degree program at Bethel Seminary who may use these specific courses towards their degree.

### Post-Christian Ministry (Gateway Church Partnership)

- San Diego/St. Paul - Online
- M.Div., M.A.Min.

Post-Christian Ministry is designed as an experience for individuals living in Austin, Texas, and working as interns with Eric Bryant. It is available through the Online delivery format and includes courses taken directly with Gateway Church. The concentration in Post-Christian Ministry is designed for pastors, church planters, teachers, writers, and church leaders who are serving in post-Christian environments or who feel called to reach those not being reached through traditional methods. The concentration emphasizes creating networks (missional communities) and Sunday gatherings where people can “come as they are.” After students complete the concentration, they will know how to engage with people and cultures that are unfamiliar with the Christian tradition, how to help people move from lost to leading, and how to invite skeptics to become Christ-followers who disciple and reach others. The concentration courses, with the exception of the required elective, are operated by Gateway Church. Students in this concentration must register for the concentration courses through Gateway Church and have transcripts sent from Gateway Church to Bethel Seminary to facilitate the transfer of credit. The Post-Christian Ministry concentration consists of the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
	Introduction to Post-Christian Ministry <sup>1</sup>	3
	Missional Innovation <sup>1</sup>	3
	Leading Missional Organizations <sup>1</sup>	3
	Free Elective	3
Total Credits		12

<sup>1</sup> These concentration courses are operated by Gateway Church and are not offered at Bethel Seminary.

### Young Life Youth Ministry (Young Life Partnership)

- San Diego/St. Paul/Online
- M.Div., M.A.Min.

The Young Life Youth Ministry concentration is intended for students who are concurrently involved in the Young Life organization. Young Life courses approved for transfer to Bethel Seminary to meet requirements for this concentration include: DC 635YL Introduction to Youth Ministry; ML 613YL Leadership II; ML 620YL Equipping Leaders Who Volunteer; and ML 615YL Organizational Leadership and Church Governance. Students must receive a grade of C or higher to fulfill the Bethel requirement.

Courses must be taken within 10 years of the time the Bethel degree is awarded. Courses will cease to apply to the Bethel degree when they reach 10 years in age. The Young Life concentration in the M.A.Min. is comprised of any four of these courses taken in

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addition to all other degree requirements. The Young Life concentration in the M.Div. is comprised of any of these courses taken in addition to the 63 credits of the M.Div. core, two free electives, Senior Integrative Seminar, and Supervised Ministry.