MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY PRACTICE

[St. Paul and San Diego]

The Master of Arts in Ministry Practice (M.A.M.P.) is for persons called to specialized vocational ministry. Both campuses of Bethel Seminary offer its own set of concentrations ranging from Congregational Leadership to Chaplaincy. While the curriculum provides excellent preparation for specialized ministry in the church, it is not designed to provide an abbreviated period of graduate study leading to the pastorate. Those who want to serve in senior leadership positions are encouraged to enroll in the seminary’s Master of Divinity program.

The objectives of the program are as follows:

1. A comprehensive understanding of biblical content, a discerning approach to biblical interpretation, and theological reflection informed by historical traditions.
2. Growth in emotional, spiritual, and relational health resulting in observable love for God and neighbor.
3. The capacity and skills for effective ministry practice in a given specialized ministry area within the context of a ministry team.
4. Intercultural competence as it is lived out in various ministries of the local church, broader community, and the global arena.
5. Intentional integration of biblical knowledge and personal and spiritual formation into ministry practice with diverse populations.

Students Must Declare a Concentration in One of the Following Areas

At St. Paul

Generalist (Traditional or InMinistry). Concentration courses include:

- Discipleship in Community;
- Missional Outreach & Evangelism;
- one CTL elective;
- two electives from CTL or CSPF.

Congregational Leadership (Traditional or SemPM). Concentration courses include:

- Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling;
- Discipleship in Community;
- Missional Outreach and Evangelism;
- Leading Congregational Worship;
- Leading Celebrations in the Christian Life Cycle;
- Organizational Leadership and Church Governance.

At San Diego

Anglican Studies. 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 Master of Divinity program or the Master of Arts in Ministry Practice program. Concentration courses include:

- Anglican Theology & History;
- Anglican Spirituality;
- Worship in the Prayer Book Tradition;
- Ministry with Sacraments.

Chaplaincy. This program will enable chaplains (and those preparing for chaplaincy) to train for ministry in such diverse contexts as healthcare services, educational institutions, businesses and corporations, correctional facilities, and the military. Concentration courses include:

- Chaplaincy in Contemporary Society;
- Crisis Intervention/ Trauma Response;
- Family Systems;
- Cross-cultural Counseling;
- Child Abuse Assessment/Intervention;
- Substance Abuse Assessment/Intervention;
- Domestic Violence Assessment/Intervention.

Pastoral Care and Counseling. 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 that would enable those involved
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in local churches 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:

- Introduction to Pastoral Care & Counseling;
- Crisis Intervention/Trauma Response;
- Family Systems;
- Growing Through Small Groups;
- one additional MC elective(s) totaling 3 credits.

Missional Leadership. The Missional Leadership concentration is designed for those whose focus is leading church ministries from a missional commitment (each member marked by and caught up in God’s mission in the world). The program is flexible to give either local or global application, depending on the needs of the student. The curriculum is intended to produce individuals who are theological thinkers, missional activists, leadership developers, cultural analysts, spiritual mentors, and relevant communicators. Concentration courses include:

- Principles of Community Development;
- Practice in Community Development;
- Christianity & Culture; Religion in Anthropology;
- Implementing Change;
- Intercultural Communication;
- additional ML elective(s) totaling 3 credits for M.A.M.P. or 6 credits for M.Div.

Electives include:

- Planting Missional Churches;
- Understanding Islam;
- Researching Context of Ministry;
- Spiritism & Folk Beliefs;
- Missional Spirituality;
- Storytelling & Scripture Development;
- Defining Tentmaking;
- Multicultural Partnerships.

At All Locations

Church Planting. The Gateway Leaders Church Planting concentration works in partnership with Gateway Leaders and their “Cultivate” church planting experience. It is available through the InMinistry delivery format and includes the Cultivate curriculum, which is taken directly through Gateway Leaders. Students in this concentration must register for Cultivate through Gateway Leaders and have transcripts sent from Gateway Church to Bethel Seminary to facilitate the transfer of credit. The Church Planting concentration consists of the following courses: Cultivate (operated by Gateway Leaders) and Introduction to Church Planting.

School of Church Leadership (Traditional, SemPM, InMinistry). Concentration courses include: Collaborative Leadership and Social Alignment; Leadership Development and Formation; Ethics, Worldview, and Leadership; Followership; Negotiating Conflict Through Dialogue; and Leadership in Diverse Cultures. Concentration courses are taken through the Converge Worldwide School of Church Leadership.

Post-Christian Ministry. 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 InMinistry 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: Introduction to Post-Christian Ministry, Missional Innovation, Leading Missional Organizations, and a free elective (3 credits).

Missional Lutheran Studies. Missional Lutheran Studies describes the process of preparing followers of Jesus to live Christ-like lives and to replicate their lives in others. It denotes growing others to maturity through a repeatable, life-on-life method (1 Cor. 11:1—“Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ”). As a concentration, Missional Lutheran Studies will prepare students spiritually and academically to lead and serve in the burgeoning missional and renewal movements in contexts informed by Lutheranism. The academic work combines study in the theology of discipleship and of Lutheran renewal. The co-curricular experience facilitated by the Master’s Institute adds a three-year discipleship experience where each student learns and practices a repeatable discipleship process. Concentration courses consist of Common Priesthood, Covenant and Kingdom, and two of the following
three courses: Confessional Theology, Bonhoeffer and Life Together, and Lutheran Christianity. Students in this concentration may satisfy their supervised ministry requirement through an internship facilitated by the Master’s Institute and transferred to Bethel Seminary.

**Young Life Youth Ministry.** 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 in the M.A.M.P. include:

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The Young Life concentration in the M.A.M.P. comprises any four of these courses taken in addition to the 39 credits of the M.A. core, M.A.M.P. degree-specific courses, Senior Integrative Seminar, and Supervised Ministry.