

**Master of Divinity  
with a Certificate in Congregational Ministry**

**Eligibility**

This Certificate is open to all Master of Divinity students as part of the degree program. Students must complete all requirements of both the Certificate in Congregational Ministry program and the M.Div. degree in order to receive the Certificate in Congregational Ministry. Students in the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies and other Non-Degree Students, as well as MACM and MTS students are not eligible to participate in this certificate program.

**Description**

The Certificate in Congregational Ministry is designed for students with a vocational calling to church ministry. Students will engage in courses and professional formation that will augment their knowledge and skills for leadership, preaching, pastoral care, and faith formation in diverse congregational settings.

**Required Courses**

Students will complete 9 hours of Advisor approved courses of advanced electives (beyond the 69 core hours of the M.Div.) from the following courses:

- THPT 501. Leadership for Church & Community
- THPT 503. Spiritual Care through Crisis Ministry
- THPT 505. Faith Development through the Lifespan
- THPT 507. Worship through the Christian Year
- THPT 620. Ministry with Children
- THPT 622. Ministry with Adults
- THPT 623. Church Pedagogy & Curriculum Development
- THPT 624. Theological Approaches to Christian Education
- THPT 625. Women: Believing, Worshiping, & Ministering
- THPT 646. Counseling Couples in the Congregation
- THPT 670. The Practice of Preaching
- THPT 671. Preaching & Film
- THPT 680. Change & Conflict
- THPT 691. Worship in the African American Church
- THPT 800. Special Topics
- Other classes as approved by Advisor

**Professional Formation**

Students will complete one experience in each of the following areas of professional formation:

- Serve as an officiant at a funeral, wedding, baby dedication, communion or baptism; serve on a committee to plan worship for chapel at McAfee; serve as a staff member at Passport Camp; serve as a director of a mission trip, Vacation Bible school, or retreat; or other ideas as approved by Advisor
- Present a paper at a professional conference (AAR/SBL, NABPR, CEA, etc.); preach a sermon in chapel at McAfee or at the Festival of Preachers; or other ideas as approved by Advisor
- Write and publish curriculum for Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, or retreat; write a series of devotions for Smyth & Helwys Publishers; other ideas as approved by Advisor