# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In line with our mission, the Seminary considers each degree program wholistically with academic expectations, spiritual formation, ministry practice, and inter-cultural experiences.

Our field education is multifaceted. It varies from actual internship experience in the field to a vocational discernment process to reflection modules. See each degree program for specific requirements.

# MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (MACF)

The forty-eight (48) credit hour MACF degree (plus seven credit hours of field education) focuses on Christian formation against a backdrop of selected foundational subjects and Christian Formation/Ministry electives. The MACF is designed to equip men and women for leadership in positions related to Christian formation in congregations. It may lead to Ordination to Word and Service in the Evangelical Covenant Church. Learning outcomes for the degree include the following:

- Interpret Scripture with historical and theological integrity in relation to Christian formation.
- Convey the Christian tradition for appropriation in the life and mission of the Church.
- Articulate the significance for ministry of educational, organizational, and spiritual models and theories of Christian formation.
- Demonstrate a theologically grounded ministerial identity and growing capacity to integrate it with the ministry of Christian formation.
- Engage diversity and exhibit growth towards intercultural competence for ministry reflective of God's global redemptive work.

## Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts in Christian Formation degree is awarded to students meeting the following requirements:

1. Completion of a Bible exam and a psychological evaluation; successful completion of End of Studies evaluation.
2. The completion of 48 semester hours of academic course work, plus 7 field education credit hours.
3. A grade point average of 2.5 must be maintained. No grade under C- shall be counted toward the degree.
4. Exemplification of a quality of life and commitment suitable for ministry.
5. No outstanding incomplete grades later than week seven of the term in which they plan to graduate.
6. Complete payment of all accounts and fees to the Seminary.
7. Completion of the degree within seven (7) years from the time of matriculation.

Bible — 12 credit hours
- BIBL 5150 Interpreting the New Testament I
- BIBL 5151 Interpreting the New Testament II
- BIBL 6120 Interpreting the Old Testament I
- BIBL 6121 Interpreting the Old Testament II

History — 3 credit hours
- HSTY 6210 Christian Tradition and Mission

Theology — 3 credit hours
- THEO 6330 Christian Theology

Spiritual Formation — 3 credit hours
- SPFM 5201 Spiritual Journey
- SPFM 5202 Spiritual Practices
- SPFM Elective

Foundations in Christian Ministry — 9 credit hours
- CEDF 7200 Christian Education and Formation in the Church
- MNST 5108 Ministry Identity and Practice
- THEO 7203 Christian Worship

CEDF and MNST Electives — 15 credit hours

*Students must take a combination of Christian Education and Formation and Ministry courses with at least one three credit course from each field.*

General Elective — 3 credit hours

**Total Credit Hours for the Degree: 48 credit hours**

Students are required to take 17 credit hours in residence at the main campus. Students are recommended for graduation when all requirements are fulfilled for the degree.

## Field Education

Field education may be completed prior to, during, or post course completion for the MACF degree. The experiences designated as field education will be awarded seven (7) credit hours in addition to the forty-eight (48) credit hours required for the MACF degree.

FLDC 5300 Vocational Excellence

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

FLDC 7310 Internship Residency

4 credit hours toward field education requirements

FLDC 7315 Cultural Competency Module

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

FLDC 7318 Theological Reflection Module

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

## Recommended sequence of courses:

| Course Number | Course Title | Credit Hours |
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| *Year One: Fall Semester* | | |
| BIBL 5150 | Interpreting the New Testament I | 3 |
| HSTY 6210 | Christian Tradition and Mission | 3 |
| SPFM 5201 | Spiritual Journey | 1 |
| THEO 6330 | Christian Theology | 3 |
| MNST 5108 | Ministry Identity and Practice | 3 |
| | **Total** | **13** |
| *Year One: Spring Semester* | | |
| BIBL 6120 | Interpreting the Old Testament I | 3 |
| SPFM 5202 | Spiritual Practices | 1 |
| CEDF 7200 | Christian Education and Formation in the Church | 3 |
| CEDF/MNST **** | Christian Formation or Ministry Electives | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 |
| | **Total** | **13** |

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| *Year Two: Fall Semester* | | |
| BIBL 6121 | Interpreting the Old Testament II | 3 |
| CEDF/MNST **** | Christian Formation or Ministry Electives | 3 |
| CEDF/MNST **** | Christian Formation or Ministry Electives | 3 |
| THEO 7203 | Christian Worship | 3 |
| | **Total** | **12** |
| *Year Two: Spring Semester* | | |
| BIBL 5151 | Interpreting the New Testament II | 3 |
| CEDF/MNST **** | Christian Formation or Ministry Electives | 3 |
| CEDF/MNST **** | Christian Formation or Ministry Electives | 3 |
| SPFM **** | Spiritual Formation Elective | 1 |
| | **Total** | **10** |
| | **Total Academic Credit Hours** | **48** |
| | Plus Field Education: 7 Credit Hours | |

## MACF: ECC Ordination to Word and Service

In addition to coursework and field education for the MACF, women and men seeking ECC Ordination to Word and Service are required to complete an additional 12 credit hours of graduate-level theological education for a total of 60 credit hours. There is a recognized pathway for completing the additional 12 credit hours offered by North Park in collaboration with the ECC. This involves two Covenant Orientation courses and a year-long cohort experience. While these courses are over and above NPTS MACF degree requirements, students are still encouraged to complete them prior to graduation. Such students should register for:

HSTY 7511 History of the Evangelical Covenant Church

THEO 7501 Theology of the Evangelical Covenant Church

CEDF 6990 ECC Christian Formation Cohort I

CEDF 6991 ECC Christian Formation Cohort II

Students who wish to satisfy the additional 12 credit hours in alternative ways should consult the Department of the Ordered Ministry. Students should note that their 60 credit hours of graduate theological education must include study of Covenant history and theology.