

and pastoral supervisors which identify and document a variety of professional experiences.

- The applicant must submit the completed Professional Experience Portfolio to the Dean of the Theological Seminary not later than the semester prior to graduation. For details, contact the Director of the MA in Pastoral Ministry program.

\*Students earning the Master of Arts in Youth Ministry degree also may receive credit by meeting the above criteria and submitting a description of their youth-ministry experiences. These students should contact the Director of the MA in Youth Ministry program for details.

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The MA in Youth Ministry requires intensive study in the specialized field of youth ministry. The graduate of the MA in Youth Ministry is competent to

- Develop, direct, and evaluate youth ministry programs in the local church and other targeted areas with both professional and theological competency.
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple youth in Christian service and vocation.
- Recruit, nurture, and disciple adult youth leaders.
- Reflect constructively and theologically upon the content and process of youth ministry.
- Serve in a variety of vocations, such as youth pastor, dormitory dean, local church youth leader, conference youth Director, and guidance counselor.

Students who seek ordination or plan to serve in general pastoral or church leadership positions should consider, as an alternative, the Master of Divinity program as stipulated by North American Division policy (L 05 05 and L 05 15). The Master of Divinity program also has an emphasis in Youth Ministry.

## **Admission Requirements**

Applicants to the MA in Youth Ministry program should read the general admission requirements for all graduate students on p. 44 in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin, and the general seminary admission requirements on p. 301. Applicants to the MAYM program must also meet the qualifications listed below:

- Hold a baccalaureate degree
- Represent high moral integrity with a character, lifestyle, and spiritual commitment reflective of the beliefs and practices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and show promise of usefulness for ministry through personal maturity and adequate experience in the Church (Persons of other faiths who are willing to live in harmony with these standards are welcome to apply.)
- Submit an autobiographical history and statement of purpose reflecting the applicant's family, religious development, sense of calling to ministry, experience in church work, and future goals in relationship to MAYM program.
- An interview with a representative of the MAYM program may be required, either by personal contact, telephone, or e-mail.
- Pass the Bible Knowledge Entrance Test with a score of 80% or take the course GSEM525 and pass with a grade of C+ or better.
- Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Graduates of the MAYM program receive calls for ministry, however, completion of the program does not guarantee employment in Adventist ministry or any other church employment.

## **Degree Requirements**

The MA in Youth Ministry degree is awarded upon successful completion of a minimum of 48 semester credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. A minimum of 24 semester credits are to be taken at the Theological Seminary or at an authorized extension center. The course work for the MA in Youth Ministry normally should be completed within seven years.

## **Transfer Credits**

A maximum of 24 transfer graduate credits, when applicable, may be accepted from approved seminaries or universities upon approval by the dean. Credits approved under the Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience provision (see below) are considered part of the maximum of 24 transfer credits.

## **MA in Youth Ministry Curriculum**

**Seminary Core Courses**

**Spiritual Formation (2)**

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**Elective Options.**