

Master of Theological Studies

Offered in New Mexico
by
St. Norbert College in
Cooperation with
The Ecumenical Institute
for Ministry (EIM)



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MINISTRY EDUCATION
FOR THE
CHURCH OF THE FUTURE

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"This Master's program has allowed me to grow in my personal faith, and in knowledge and understanding of the Church. It will help in my ministry to my own church community."

- Linda Granato
Albuquerque, NM

The Master's program has enriched my ability work at the pastoral level. I would recommend this program to anyone who is serious about pastoral ministry."

- Pauline Montano
Albuquerque, NM

The Master's program has certainly given me a solid theological foundation for my ministry. More than that, however, it has given me the tools to begin to craft my own response to the signs of the times in our church and world."

- Scott Howard
Albuquerque, NM

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ASK WHAT DO I NEED TO BE ADMITTED TO THE PROGRAM:

You Need:

1. A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
2. Eight to twelve credits in theology/religious studies including courses such as Introduction to the Bible and Introduction to Theology (or their equivalents).
3. Three letters of recommendation.

The Admissions Committee will make decisions based on the above criteria as well as other guidelines it may establish to judge the candidate's readiness for graduate work. Special and auditing students will be admitted on an individual basis.

WHAT IF I DO NOT HAVE 8-12 CREDITS IN THEOLOGY/RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

The Ecumenical Institute for Ministry (EIM) offers courses which will, when successfully completed, satisfy the requirement, or you may take theology courses from the College of Santa Fe, the University of Dayton on line, or other accredited schools.

WHAT DO I NEED TO GRADUATE?

You will be expected to have successfully completed:

1. Thirty two credits, including the core, concluding seminar and master's thesis.
2. A 3:00 GPA
3. A comprehensive examination

These requirements must normally be completed within eight summers of the starting date in the program.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM?

St. Norbert College, in cooperation with the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry, provides a graduate program for those seeking knowledge and skills for pastoral ministry in their churches. It is a professional degree providing tools for pastoral leadership.

WHAT COURSES WILL I HAVE TO TAKE?

Your program of study will include: **Six courses** in theology which form a core. The courses are geared to a paradigm of practical theology which will give you the theological tools to critically analyze your faith experiences and those of your faith community.

Five courses in the area of your interest. These specialized courses are offered to sharpen your skills and help you in the pursuit of a particular ministry. You may specialize in: Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry or Youth Ministry. You also may be able to construct a personal specialization with advice from an advisor which would meet your own specific needs.

One course which is the integrative colloquium. Its purpose is to help you bring together the core and your specialization. We hope that you will see how practical theology encourages the application of scripture and your religious tradition to the particular problems you face in ministry. A final two credit course will be a master's thesis which, following the pattern of practical theology, should apply contemporary religious thought to a specific pastoral question.

WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO PURSUE A DEGREE BUT ONLY WISH TO TAKE SPECIFIC COURSES:

You will be allowed to take theological core courses or those in a specialization. All courses are valuable for enrichment or the development of skills. You will be expected to have a college degree and some background in theology. The course may be taken for credit or may be audited.

IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

Yes, we have limited financial aid those who are seeking a degree. This aid is awarded on the basis of need and excellence in scholarship. Students are encouraged to seek aid from other sources as well. This may include your diocese, parish or congregation.

WHAT DOES IS COST?

Tuition is \$290 a credit. Auditing a course cost \$145.00 a credit.

WHAT WILL BE OFFERED DURING THE YEAR?

One core course is offered each semester. Classes normally meet two Saturdays each month. Two specialization courses are usually offered each summer. Scheduling arrangements may be made, depending on the needs of students enrolled.

WHERE ARE CLASSES HELD?

Most of the classes take place in Albuquerque at the Catholic Center, 4000 St. Joseph Place NW. If there is a broad enough interest, classes may be held in Santa Fe, or other locations.

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Tentative Schedule for the
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CORE COURSES

- Summer 2003 MTS 570: *Theology of Pastoral Care*
- Summer 2003 MTS 522: *Psychology of Religious Development*
- Fall 2003 MTS 502: *Historical Development of the Christian Tradition*
- Winter 2004 MTS 505: *Christology*
- Summer 2004 MTS: *Specialization Course*
- Fall 2004 MTS 501: *Systematic Theology and Theological Method*
- Winter 2005 MTS 506: *Nature and Mission of the Church*
- Summer 2005: *Specialization Course*
- Fall 2005 MTS 503: *Scripture and Biblical Interpretation*
- Winter 2006 MST 504: *Christian Ethics*

For more information please check the website at : <http://www.snc.edu/mts/nm>, or write:
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am interested in taking a course for credit or audit. (Please check)

Please send your large brochure for more information

Please send an application form for the MTS Degree

Please send a special student application for (for those who wish to take a course but are not seeking a degree)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone Numbers (Home): _____ (Office) _____