

> > > PROGRAMS OF STUDY: M.A. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

M.A.: PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

Oversight/Location of the Program within the Seminary: School of Practical Theology

Introductory Statement of Program Goal: The purpose of the Master of Arts in Christian Education Degree (M.A.C.E.) is to prepare students for a vocation of nurture, formation, and life-span discipleship in parish, institutional, or cross-cultural settings. They will be equipped to provide leadership for educational ministries that effectively seek to “present everyone mature in Christ.”

DEGREE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Having successfully completed the Master of Arts Degree in Christian Education Degree, graduates should be able to:

1. Articulate a practical theology of educational ministry grounded in the Biblical narrative and orthodox theology, and informed by human sciences, insights from church history, and life experience.
2. Demonstrate competency in ministry practices of leadership, teaching, and to equip congregations and organizations in the making of disciples.
3. Demonstrate an incarnational ministry that respects and engages diversity: the age, gender, race, tradition, culture, and context of persons.
4. Demonstrate enhanced understanding of and commitment to personal and social holiness through practices of moral, personal, and spiritual formation, in a context of accountability to a community of faith, and dependence on the Spirit of Christ.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

General Admission Standards:

1. Accredited Bachelor of Arts degree for graduate programs. Accreditation is required by an agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or holding membership in the Association of Universities and College in Canada. Applicants whose bachelor’s degree is from a college not accredited by a recognized national or regional accrediting agency must have one complete year of work at an accredited institution before being considered for admission to Asbury Seminary.
2. Application for admission must be made on a form furnished by the Admissions Office.
3. In addition to the information required on the application form, the applicant must send or arrange for the following:
 - a. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate credits. These documents must be sent directly to Asbury Seminary by all institutions attended.
 - b. A non-refundable application processing fee of \$25 (U.S.).
 - c. Four references, on forms supplied by the Admissions Office.
 - d. Normally, a cumulative grade point average of 2.75/4.00 is required for admission in good standing to graduate degree programs. Those applicants whose grade point average falls between 2.50 and 2.75 may be admitted on a “reduced load” basis. For applicants whose grade point average for all college work is below 2.50, a report of the score on the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or the gen-

eral aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required. The Admissions Committee expects to see a minimum score of 500 on the verbal section of the GRE or a Scaled Score no lower than 410 on the MAT. The grade point average as calculated by the Admissions Office at Asbury Seminary shall be considered the official grade point average for admission. Therefore, applicants with marginal averages are urged to check with the Admissions Office. Students needing to complete the MAT or the GRE will not be considered until the official scores are received. Information concerning these examinations is available from the Admissions Office.

- e. The Admissions Committee may request the applicant to submit additional materials and/or schedule an interview with a representative of the Seminary.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Satisfactory completion of 60 semester hours, including all required courses;
2. Completion of at least 30 hours on a geophysical campus of Asbury Theological Seminary. At least 6 semester hours of work should be taken within the 24 months preceding the date of graduation;
3. Attainment of a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00 / 4.00;
4. Satisfactory completion of all degree requirements in not more than seven academic years from the first term of matriculation.
5. Apply for graduation online.

DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

M.A. Core Courses(18)

ISS01 Christian Formation: Kingdom, Church, and World (3)
 ISS02 Christian Formation: Vocation of Ministry (3)
 BS501/502 Introduction to Biblical Studies (6)
 CH500 Turning Points in Church History (3)
 DO501 Basic Christian Doctrine (3) *or* ST501 Method and Praxis in Theology (3)
 Bible Content Examination

Christian Education Core Courses (24)

CD510 Foundations in Christian Discipleship (3)
 CD560 The Ministry of Teaching (3) *or*
 CD/YM660 Teaching the Bible to Youth and Adults (3)
 CD610 Moral Development (3)
 CD615 Discipleship Development in the Family (3)
 CD651 Professional Foundations in Christian Discipleship (3)
 CS601 Christian Ethics (2)
 CD670 Discipling for Evangelism and Social Justice (3) *or* MS625 Principles of
 Interpersonal Evangelism (3) *or* MB780 Cross Cultural Discipling (3)
 MM511 Mentored Ministry in Christian Education—1 (1)
 MM611 Mentored Ministry in Christian Education—2 (1)
 MM711 Mentored Ministry in Christian Education—3 (2)

Christian Education Electives Course (9)

Choose courses from CD, CM, or YM.

General Electives Courses (9)

Christian Education Sample Degree Plan*Year 1:*

- IS501 Kingdom, Church, and World (3)
- IS502 Vocation of Ministry (3)
- CH500 Turning Points in Church History (3)
- BS501/502 Introduction to Biblical Studies (6)
- CD510 Foundations in Christian Discipleship (3)
- CD610 Moral Development (3)
- MM511 Mentored Ministry in Christian Education (1)
- Christian Education Electives (5)
- General Electives (3)

Year 2:

- CD651 Professional Foundations in Christian Discipleship (3)
- CD615 Discipleship Development in the Family (3)
- CD560 The Ministry of Teaching (3) OR
- CD/YM660 Teaching the Bible to Youth and Adults (3)
- DO501 Basic Christian Doctrine *or* ST501 Method and Praxis in Theology (3)
- CS601 Christian Ethics (2)
- CD670 Discipling for Evangelism and Social Justice (3) *or* MS625 Principles of Interpersonal Evangelism (3) *or* MB780 Cross Cultural Discipling (3)
- MM611 Mentored Ministry in Christian Education—2 (1)
- MM711 Mentored Ministry in Christian Education—3 (2)
- Christian Education Electives (4)
- General Electives (6)