

PASTORAL MINISTRY, M.A.P.M.

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry program prepares students for competent leadership in a specialized ministry in the Catholic Church. The program strives to provide the student with both a theological education and specialized training in a chosen field of ministerial engagement.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the aforementioned general admission requirements for all ICSST programs, M.A.P.M. applicants must:

- submit the results of psychological testing, including the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI), the Rorschach, the Autobiographical Sketch, the Gestalt Test and the Draw-a-Person Test, all taken at a center approved by ICSST; and
- have a personal interview with the associate dean.

Note: At least two years of service to the Church is preferred.

Degree Requirements

The M.A.P.M. program consists of four components: coursework; field education and theological reflection; spiritual formation; and the Integration Seminar/Final Comprehensive Project, as follows. All students must take STHO 6020 Research Seminar in the first semester of study.

The M.A.P.M. degree program is normally three academic years of full-time study.

I. Coursework (42 credits)

Students complete coursework according to the distribution below, divided into 30 credits in a core theological curriculum and 12 credits in their area of pastoral specialization. Specific courses are selected in consultation with the student's academic adviser.

A. Core Theological Curriculum

Students must complete 3 credits in each of the following core areas. The courses listed represent typical choices, not concrete requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Areas		
<i>New Testament</i>		
BIBL 6501	Synoptic Gospels	3
BIBL 6503	Johannine Literature	3
BIBL 6505	Pauline Literature	3
<i>Old Testament</i>		
BIBL 6201	Pentateuch	3
BIBL 6203	Prophetic Literature	3
BIBL 6205	Wisdom Literature-Psalms	3
<i>Church History</i>		
HSTD 6340	From Church Fathers to 1500	3
HSTD 6341	Church of Reformations-Mission	3
<i>Liturgy</i>		
STHO 6501	Worship of the Church	3
<i>Christology or Trinity</i>		

STHO 6203	Christology	3
STHO 6204	The Trinity	3
<i>Ecclesiology</i>		
STHO 6207	Ecclesiology	3
<i>Sacramental Theology</i>		
STHO 6503	Sacraments of Initiation	3
STHO 6505	Eucharist	3
STHO 6509	Christian Marriage	3
<i>Moral Theology</i>		
CETH 6105	Fundamental Moral Theology	3
CETH 6306	Catholic Sexual Teaching	3
<i>Theological Foundations for Ministry</i>		
STHO 6575	Ministry of the Laity	3

B. Concentration Area

Students must earn 12 credits in PTHO courses. The coursework should represent a coherent concentration in a particular area of pastoral ministry and be determined by the student's present and prospective ministerial needs.

II. Field Education and Theological Reflection

All M.A.P.M. students must complete the equivalent of 6 credits of field education in professionally supervised settings approved by ICSST. Students may meet this requirement as follows:

1. by taking part in two single-semester field education experiences of six to eight hours weekly in a supervised setting;
2. by enrolling in clinical pastoral education; or
3. by other means approved by the associate deans.

Concomitantly with field education, students must enroll in a theological reflection group, which normally meets approximately 10 times over the course of an academic year. Registration for the group is made through the associate dean.

III. Spiritual Formation

The formation program has three components. The first is the "Foundational Spiritual Experience." A cognitive and experiential introduction to the spiritual life, this year-long program explores movements in the spiritual life. Liturgy, instruction, faith-sharing and communal prayer are some of the elements.

The second component of formation is spiritual direction. A list of recommended directors, persons associated in some way with the School who are familiar with the program and its goals, is available from the associate dean.

The third formation component is a retreat of several days made at some time during the course of studies. When the retreat has been completed, the student should inform the associate dean.

IV. Integration Seminar and Final Comprehensive Project

All students must enroll in and successfully complete the 3-credit PTHO 9101 Integration Seminar. Completion of this seminar involves successful preparation of an acceptable final comprehensive project in ministry, attesting to the student's successful integration of theological knowledge and pastoral expertise with its appropriate application to a selected pastoral issue. Copies of the final project are submitted to the ICSST Library.