
CO-CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

See *Institute For Spiritual Formation (Department)* for full description.

1. Personal Spiritual Direction (TTSF 585)
2. Didactic Therapy
3. Faculty-Student Retreats
4. Personal Retreats (TTSF 672)

Master of Arts in Christian Education

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Mission & Learning Outcomes

As a graduate degree of the Department of Christian Education, the mission of the M.A.C.E. program is to develop and equip experienced church and parachurch servant-leaders in mind, character, and ability to serve God and further His kingdom through biblically-based educational ministries, according to a particular area of specialization.

As a result of this program, the student will:

1. Grasp an overview of the Old and New Testament literature, appreciate its life-changing impact, and utilize appropriate study skills and sound principles of interpretation in treating biblical books.
2. Understand and value the major doctrines of the faith and their scriptural basis and think critically and integratively about theology and church history, with particular attention to one's religious heritage.
3. Actively pursue and progress in a life-long process of personal spiritual development by nurturing a relationship with God, connecting in Christian community, growing in moral integrity, and engaging in vocational service in light of giftedness.
4. Commit to, engage in and equip others for the disciple-making process of evangelism, edification, counseling, and leadership development.
5. Plan and implement transformational biblical teaching grounded in sound educational practice and supported by relevant teaching/learning theory and comprehensive human and spiritual development understandings.
6. Value the role of social science research to inform ministry practice and develop skills to locate and analyze research that can then be communicated through publication and serve as a foundation for curriculum development and other educational ministry purposes.
7. Understand and value the administrative and leadership dimensions of ministry and develop skill in designing, implementing, and assessing educational ministry.
8. Gain a broad understanding of and appreciation for the history of educational ministry and the theological and philo-

sophical underpinnings that have influenced its theory and practice and evaluate current educational practice in light of these understandings.

9. Gain knowledge, appreciate new perspectives, and develop skills for interpersonal and small group work with people of differing ethnic and cultural backgrounds, genders, ages, generations, and worldviews.
10. Engage in a supervised educational ministry experience leading to growth in personal maturity and character, skill in ministry leadership, and the understanding necessary to integrate and apply ministry theory.

MINISTRY PREPARATION

In light of increasing demands for persons trained in Christian education, the program is designed to prepare individuals to serve competently in a growing number of functional roles. Along with core classes, a variety of courses to meet students' individualized needs and goals are offered in five areas of emphasis: Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult & Family Ministry, General Christian Education Ministries and Cross-cultural Ministry.

Admission Requirements

All applicants must hold the Bachelor of Arts degree or its academic equivalent with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Those accepted who do not meet this latter requirement will be placed on probation. Graduates from approved unaccredited colleges, if accepted, will be granted provisional acceptance, though exceptions may be made when the GPA is higher than 3.0. Both probation and provisional acceptance may be changed to full acceptance if the student earns a GPA of 3.0 or better on the first eight units at Talbot. Graduates from approved unaccredited colleges may be required to take certain additional liberal arts coursework (not applicable toward the graduate degree), if their undergraduate program did not include these courses.

Graduation Requirements

- A. Satisfactorily complete 56 semester units. See (D) below.
- B. Take the courses prescribed in the Master of Arts in Christian Education curriculum.
- C. 300 hours of supervised field ministry approved by a faculty advisor.
- D. Complete the program in no more than five years.
- E. Complete an acceptable literature review on a ministry issue related to a selected specialization.
- F. Obtain a 3.0 average with no grade below a "C-" in all courses to be counted toward graduation.

- G. At least 33 units unique to the program must be taken at this seminary.

A student must have at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) to graduate. Students are placed on academic probation if their GPA for any semester falls below 3.0, and will remain on probation as long as the single semester or cumulative GPA remains below 3.0. Probation students are granted one semester in which to bring their academic work up to the required level (3.0) for continuance in the seminary. A student cannot graduate while on probation.

Vocations or positions for which the M.A.C.E. program prepares students are:

- Minister / Director of Christian Education
- Minister of Youth
- Parachurch Children & Youth Ministries Staff
- Pastor / Director of Children's Ministries
- Pastor of Adult / Family Ministries
- Pastor / Director of Single Adult Ministries
- Church Business Administrator
- Counseling & Family Ministries
- Christian Camp Administration

Program Requirements

The academic program leading to the Master of Arts degree in Christian Education is structured to include (1) biblical and theological foundations; (2) a core curriculum consisting of foundational courses and practical skills; (3) a vocational specialization. The M.A.C.E. is designed for those with two or more years of full-time ministry experience. Those students admitted with less than this should plan on taking their practicum courses near the beginning of their program to provide them with some degree of ministry experience.

THE STANDARD PROGRAM (56 UNITS)

The program leading to the Master of Arts degree in Christian Education, with a ministry specialization in children's ministry, youth ministry, general Christian education, family and adult ministry, or cross-cultural education ministry, includes a minimum of 56 units of study. The student who is able to enroll in 14 units each semester can complete the degree in two years. The student who enrolls for less than 14 units may be able to access interterm and summer school courses and still complete the program in two years, or may require additional time to complete the degree program. The program must be completed within five calendar years from the first enrollment. A literature review concerning a ministry issue is also required. Students should recognize that the course loads shown here for graduate level course work, as for all Talbot programs, may make a full or even part-time work schedule very difficult. Those who are working should plan on completing the program in three to four years.

Curriculum

First Year

Fall Semester

TTCE 521	Foundations of the Teaching–Learning Process... 3
TTPT 706	Personal Foundations of Ministry 2
TTBE 517	Hermeneutics & Bible Study Methods..... 3
TTTH 511	Theology I—Introduction: Revelation & Nature of God..... 3
TTCE	Specialization course 2
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Spring Semester

TTCE 554	Theological & Theoretical Foundations of Human Nature & Development 3
TTBE 520	Survey of Matthew–Revelation 3
TTTH 512	Theology II—Works of God, Angels, Man & Sin 3
TTPT 709	Spiritual Mentoring Group 0
	Select one 3-unit course from: TTPT 703, ISCL 520 or ISCL 680 3
TTCE	Specialization course 2
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Second Year

Fall Semester

TTBE 519	Survey of Genesis–Malachi..... 3
TTTH 613	Theology III—Christ, Salvation & the Spirit 3
TTCE 633	Christian Education Research & Writing* 3
TTPT 707	Foundations of Pastoral Care & Counseling 2
TTCE 591	Teaching Ministry Practicum
OR TTCE 691	Practicum in Ministry I..... 1
	TTCE Specialization course 2
	Literature Review* 0
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Spring Semester

TTTH 614	Theology IV—The Church & Last Things..... 3
TTCE 512	Educational Leadership & Administration 3
TTCE 562	Interpersonal Development..... 3
TTCE 622	Theology, History & Philosophy of Ministry 3
TTCE 592	Teaching Ministry Practicum
OR TTCE 692	Practicum in Ministry II..... 1
	TTCE Specialization course 2
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- * The “literature review” is a research project on a ministry issue that is taken in TTCE 633 Christian Education Research & Writing. Its focus is on the identification, evaluation, synthesis and application of relevant social science research and biblical / theological principles to a ministry need in the student’s area of specialization. Details on the literature review can be obtained in TTCE 633. It is important that MACE students not wait to take TTCE 633 in their last semester.

ADVANCED STANDING

Applicants who have taken undergraduate courses in biblical or theological studies may request advanced standing based on collegiate work. See Admissions Requirements for details.

THE ACCELERATED PROGRAM (36 UNITS)

Students entering this program must have the following:

1. An undergraduate degree in Christian Education with a 3.0 GPA in courses taken in the major.
2. A total of at least 30 hours in Bible / theology.
3. An overall GPA of 2.6. Those with a GPA of 2.6-2.9 will be placed on probation. See earlier section on admission qualifications.
4. In addition to the above, demonstration of competency in the content of any waived or substituted courses will be assessed at the time of admission.
5. At least two years of vocational experience in educational ministry after completion of undergraduate degree.

For students who qualify for this program, graduation requirements may be satisfied in 36 semester units.

Bible / Theology	9
TTBE 517 Hermeneutics & Bible Study Methods.....	3
Bible / Theology Electives*	6

- * Bible / Theology electives include TTTH 717, TTTH 718, TTTH 701. Bible electives must be chosen through consultation with the advisor.

Christian Education Core	19
Christian Education core courses include TTCE 518, 554, 623, 633*, 691, 692, TTPT 706, 707, 709; select one of ISCL 520, 680, or TTPT 703	

CE Specialization.....	8
Literature Review.....	0
	36

SPECIALIZATIONS AVAILABLE

Children’s Ministry

TTCE 624	Child Development & Teaching I (Birth-Age 5)	2
TTCE 626	Child Development & Teaching II (Ages 6-12)	2
TTCE 635	Models of Children’s Ministry	2

Select 1 Course from:

TTCE 646	Current Trends in Children’s Ministry CE General Elective	2
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Youth Ministry

TTCE 566	Youth Group Development & Programming	2
TTCE 661	Adolescent Culture & Development.....	2
TTCE 663	Youth Education & Leadership.....	2

Select 1 Course from:

TTCE 555	Parachurch Youth Ministry	
TTCE 648	Current Trends in Youth Ministry	
	CE General Elective	2

Note: Students in this specialization substitute TTCE 543
Counseling Adolescents & Their Parents for TTPT 707
Foundations of Pastoral Care & Counseling.

Adult / Family Ministry

TTCE 675	Family Life Education in the Church	2
TTCE 678	Adult Development & Education	2

Select 2 Courses from:

TTCE 716	Ministry to Single Adults	2
TTPT 627	Premarital Preparation & Counseling.....	2
TTPT 628	Marital Counseling	3
TTPT 722	Small Group Discipleship	3
TTPT 775	Parent Education in Ministry.....	2
	CE General Elective	2

General Christian Education

Age-level courses on Development & Education

Select 2 courses from: TTCE 624, 626, 661, 678

Models of Ministry

Select from: TTCE 566, 635, 675, 716, TTPT 722, 775

CE Elective (Select 1)

Cross-cultural Education Ministry

ISCL 575	Multi-cultural Education	
OR ISCL 721	Cross-cultural Teaching / Learning Strategies for Curriculum	3

Select 2 Courses from:

ISCL 531	Peoples of Ethnic America	3
ISCL 556	World Religions.....	2-3
ISCL 622	Intercultural Communication	3
ISCL 640	Applied Anthropology	3
ISCL 765	Cross-cultural Leadership.....	3

Note: Students selecting this specialization should also take
ISCL 520 Interpersonal & Intercultural Adjustment (3) in
their CE core.

GENERAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ELECTIVES

TTCE 511	Foundations of Leadership	
TTCE 514	Women & Men in Christian Ministry	
TTCE 570	Special Studies in Christian Education	
TTCE 612	Missionary Education	
TTCE 616	Principles of Curriculum Development	

TTCE 638	Current Trends in Christian Education	
TTCE 644	Music in the Church	
TTCE 649	Instructional Technology	
TTCE 683	Camp Leadership	
TTCE 724	Advanced Methods of Educational Instruction	