

2020-2021 Southeastern University - Traditional Graduate and Post-Graduate Catalog

Southeastern University

Master of Arts in Family Ministries

Program Overview

The Southeastern University Master of Arts in Family Ministry equips leaders to develop a biblically and theologically grounded family ministry within the local church and/or parachurch organizations. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the unique needs of singles and families in today's culture, building healthy relationships, family ministry leadership, and ministering to families in difficult situations. Through this program, students will:

- Integrate Biblical and theological knowledge along with personal and spiritual formation into ministry practice with families.
- Integrate the needs of various generations with regard to social and cultural influences.
- Demonstrate systematic thinking in relation to the spiritual development of families and teaching-learning processes.
- Integrate a Biblical and theological view of sexuality, marriage, and family into personal values and particular ministries.
- Demonstrate competencies that will prepare them to engage with complicated and/or controversial issues which arise within families.

Career Options

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Family Ministry, career opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- NextGen Pastor
- Children's Pastor
- Youth Pastor
- Family Ministry Pastor
- Director of Family Ministries
- Early Childhood Pastor

Program Sequence

Total Credits- 36 credit hours with two components:

- Graduate Core (21 hours)
- Family Ministry Courses (15 hours)

Program Length: 1-2 years

Full-time students (6 credit hours per term)

Part-time students (3 credit hours per term)

Program Delivery

- Fully Online
- Traditional Evening Courses - Courses meet on either Monday or Friday
- Executive Cohort - 16-month hybrid delivery option. Students will participate in two, one-week intensive sessions on Lakeland campus each semester

Entrance Requirements

All of the components listed below are required and will be utilized by the Graduate Program Coordinator and School of Divinity Chair in making an admittance decision. However, failure to meet one of these standards may not immediately disqualify a candidate depending upon the strength of their other components. Applicants are considered on a case-by-case basis, and the decision of the School of Divinity Chair is final.

- Regionally accredited undergraduate degree with at least a 3.0 GPA
- One Academic or Professional Reference
- One Christian Character Reference
- Academic writing sample of at least five (5) pages indicative of writing and research ability to interact with scholarly sources in a critical manner.

Transfer Credit

Graduate level credits may be accepted if they were earned from an accredited university (Regional and/or Association of Theological Schools Accreditation), less than 8 years old, and relevant to coursework at SEU.

The School of Divinity Chair will evaluate and award transfer credit on a case-by-case basis. No transient credit (future courses taken at another university) will be allowed without prior approval.

Residency Requirement

- Online - No residency requirement
- Evening - Classes meet on Monday and Thursday evenings on Lakeland Campus
- Executive Cohort - Seven 1-week intensive meetings over 4 semesters.

Satisfactory Progress

Students enrolled in the MA in Family Ministry must maintain a 3.0 GPA in order to successfully complete the program. Earning more than 2 C's across all required coursework will result in a sub-3.0 GPA.

Academic Requirements - 36 Hrs

Core Courses - 21 Hrs

- [PMIN 5233 - MANAGING CHANGE AND CONFLICT](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5213 - HOMILETICS: METHODS OF BIBLICAL PREACHING & TEACHING](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5503 - SHAPE OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5533 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I](#) Credits: 3

- [THEO 5543 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II](#) Credits: 3
- [BIBL 5223 - BIBLICAL EXPOSITION & FAITH INTEGRATION](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5353 - SPIRIT-EMPOWERED DISCIPLESHIP](#) Credits: 3

Theological Studies Core

- [THEO 5533 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5543 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II](#) Credits: 3

Biblical Studies Core

- [BIBL 5543 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BACKGROUND & THEOLOGICAL THEMES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT](#) Credits: 3
- [BIBL 5553 - INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT LITERATURE AND HISTORY](#) Credits: 3

Christian Formation and Practices of Ministry Core

- [BIBL 5223 - BIBLICAL EXPOSITION & FAITH INTEGRATION](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5353 - SPIRIT-EMPOWERED DISCIPLESHIP](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5553 - PRACTICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3

Family Ministry Courses - 15 Hrs

- [PMIN 5023 - FAMILY DYNAMICS AND MINISTRY](#) Credits: 3
 - [PMIN 5033 - TOPICS IN SEXUALITY, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY](#) Credits: 3
 - [PMIN 5043 - CRISIS INTERVENTION AND PASTORAL CARE](#) Credits: 3
 - [PMIN 5053 - BRIDGING MINISTRY AND CULTURE](#) Credits: 3
 - [PMIN 5063 - FAMILY MINISTRY LEADERSHIP](#) Credits: 3
-