

# ACCELERATED MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM

## Description of the Accelerated Master of Divinity Program

The accelerated Master of Divinity is a professional graduate degree beyond the Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree. With emphases offered in biblical counseling, Christian education, missiology and intercultural studies or pastoral ministry, it is designed to equip students for effective ministry as a pastor, church educator, counselor, evangelist, or missionary.

- Accelerated Master of Divinity/Apologetics (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/accelerated-mdiv/accelerated-mdiv-apologetics/>)
- Accelerated Master of Divinity/Biblical Counseling (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/accelerated-mdiv/accelerated-mdiv-biblical-counseling/>)
- Accelerated Master of Divinity/Christian Ministries (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/accelerated-mdiv/accelerated-mdiv-christian-ministries/>)
- Accelerated Master of Divinity/Missiology and Intercultural Studies (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/accelerated-mdiv/accelerated-mdiv-missiology-intercultural-studies/>)
- Accelerated Master of Divinity/Pastoral Ministry (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/accelerated-mdiv/accelerated-mdiv-pastoral-ministry/>)

This accelerated version of the Master of Divinity allows students who have completed an undergraduate biblical studies or biblical counseling degree with Mid-America to shorten the traditional Master of Divinity from 90 credit hours to 60 credit hours. It eliminates courses that would be duplicated between the undergraduate and graduate programs. Students with undergraduate degrees from other Christian colleges may also be eligible if they have completed (and achieved a B or above in) at least 10 of the following 15 courses:

Code	Title	Hours
EV 3200	Personal Evangelism	3
BH 2100	Basic Biblical Interpretation	3
CH 3001	The History of Christianity	3
CN 4101	History of the Biblical Counseling Movement	3
CM 4484	Introduction to Christian Ministries	3
MS 3370	Introduction to Missions	3
EN 4900	Introduction to Research and Writing	3
NT 2601	New Testament Survey 1	3
NT 2602	New Testament Survey 2	3
OT 2101	Old Testament Survey 1	3
OT 2102	Old Testament Survey 2	3
PM 4200	Pastoral Ministry	3
PM 4300	Spiritual Formation	3
TH 3701	Basic Biblical Doctrines	3
MS 3405	Traditional Religions, World Religions, and Cults	3

## Educational Objectives of the Accelerated Master of Divinity Program

The accelerated Master of Divinity program is designed to promote growth in students toward personal maturity and professional ministry competence. The objectives of the program are accomplished through classroom instruction, the modeling of professors, the practice of ministry through the Witness One:Seven program, chapel services, and student organizations.

### Foundational Studies

The accelerated Master of Divinity program seeks to guide students to develop the ability to understand and interpret the Christian faith in light of its biblical, theological, and historical dimensions and to utilize insights gained from these disciplines for the effective practice of ministry in the church, the community, and the world.

### Essential Skills for Ministry

The accelerated Master of Divinity program seeks to guide students to understand, develop, and utilize the essential skills for ministry in the effective performance of pastoral leadership roles, support staff roles, and missionary roles, including preaching, teaching, worship leadership, pastoral leadership, pastoral ministry, biblical counseling, and evangelism.

## **Personal Growth and Professional Development**

The accelerated Master of Divinity program seeks to guide students to develop lifelong patterns of continuing personal spiritual growth and professional development.