The Master of Arts in Christian Education degree program provides a graduate-level biblical, theological, and skills-based education for men and women who anticipate leading and serving in various local-church and parachurch ministries. MACE graduates assume ministry positions in teaching, leading, and discipling children, youth, and adults of all ages. The MACE offers specific concentrations in Children's Ministry, Marriage and Family Ministry, Ministry with Women, Spiritual Formation and Discipling, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Students interested in other areas of ministry have the opportunity to work with an Educational Ministries and Leadership faculty advisor to build their own Guided Studies concentration.

Goals
In addition to the goals common to all professional degree programs at the seminary (please refer to the Professional Master of Arts Degrees section of this catalog), students in this program will be able to:

- develop a biblical philosophy of educational ministry;
- demonstrate knowledge and needs of at least one ministry population or concentration, state biblical goals for that ministry, and apply appropriate educational principles to that ministry;
- create, implement, lead, and evaluate an educational ministry based on sound principles and stated goals and objectives, working successfully with people in a variety of ministry situations; and
- communicate effectively in a Christian education ministry setting.

Course Requirements
Sixty-six credit hours of coursework are required as a minimum for graduation. Of those hours, 22 are in prescribed Bible Exposition courses, 18 are in prescribed Systematic Theology courses, 3 are in the Christian Life and Witness course, 9 are in prescribed Educational Ministries and Leadership courses, 12 are elective Educational Ministries and Leadership hours, and 2 hours are in Ministry Formation (INT5160 MACE Ministry Formation Internship). No thesis is required.

Ministry Residency Option
Qualifying MACE students may complete a ministry residency with two intensives on the Dallas campus (please see dts.edu/ministryresidency for a detailed explanation). The ministry residency (EML5801 and EML5802) replaces the INT5160 MACE Ministry Formation Internship and 10 hours of electives. Thus, by completing 44 hours of online work and a 12-hour Ministry Residency, students need to complete only 10 additional hours in a face-to-face format to earn the MACE degree.
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Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to create, implement, lead, and evaluate a local church or parachurch ministry to children, including partnering with volunteers, staff, and parents to effectively disciple children.

**Requirements:**
- EML5405 Early Faith Foundations
- EML5410 Effective Ministry with Children
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- EML5xxx EML Elective

#### Marriage and Family Ministry

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- EML5101 Designing and Leading Effective Ministries 3
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Requirements:
EML5410 Effective Ministry with Children
EML5501 The Christian Home: Dynamics of Marriage
EML5502 The Christian Home: Communication and Conflict Resolution
EML5503 The Christian Home: Dynamics of a Christian Family
EML5515 Family Life Education
EML5xxx EML Elective

Additional Information:
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Ministry with Women
Students completing this ministry concentration learn to understand women as an audience and learners and will be equipped to teach, lead, mentor, shepherd, and care for women in various ministry contexts.

Requirements:
EML5435 Effective Ministry with Women
EML5450 Women Teaching Women
PM5351 Theological and Biblical Views of Women in Ministry Leadership
EML5xxx EML Elective

Additional Information:
To fulfill concentration requirements, students’ INT5160 MACE Ministry Formation Internship should include a focus on ministry with women. In place of the prescribed EML elective, students may select an open 3-hour elective from the Division of Ministries and Communication with the approval of the Department of Educational Ministries and Leadership.

Spiritual Formation and Disciplemaking
Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to design, implement, and oversee a biblical ministry incorporating elements of spiritual formation and discipleship in a church or parachurch setting.

Requirements:
EML5705 Principles and Practice of Disciplemaking
EML5730 Spiritual Formation in Historical Perspective
EML5740 Spiritual Formation in Contemporary Culture
OR
EML5750 Spiritual Disciplines
EML5xxx EML Elective

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Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Students completing this ministry concentration should be able to lead, create, implement, and evaluate an effective church or parachurch ministry program at the junior-high, high-school, or college levels.

Requirements:
- EML5415 Effective Ministry with Youth
- OR
- EML5445 Effective Ministry with Young Adults
- EML5430 Ministry Strategies for Youth and Young Adults
- EML5615 Applied Skills for Ministry Staff
- EML5xxx EML elective

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Guided Studies
Students interested in other areas of EML ministry will have the opportunity to work with an Educational Ministries and Leadership faculty advisor early in their seminary studies to build their own ministry concentration. The student and advisor will meet to select the 12 hours of elective coursework and the student will complete a Ministry Formation Internship related to his or her studies.

Houston and Washington, DC Campuses
Currently the Guided Studies and Ministry with Women concentrations are the only concentrations that can be completed at the Houston campus. The Guided Studies concentration is currently the only concentration that can be completed at the Washington, DC, campus. Other concentrations will be supported as resources and enrollment allow. Courses for these concentrations will be selected in consultation with the student’s advisor.

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**CURRICULUM (MA IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION)**

The following table represents the required curriculum for the Master of Arts in Christian Education. Students should create an individualized plan of study in light of their current realities and future ministry plans in consultation with an academic advisor. The prerequisites and corequisites for each course may be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog. The terms during which courses are offered vary by location, and the plan provided below pertains specifically to Dallas-campus course offerings. Online courses are typically offered each fall, spring, and summer term. Courses may be cancelled or offered in alternate terms as needed. Required courses are regularly offered during summer terms in intensive or hybrid formats. Please refer to dts.edu/schedule for the most updated list of available course offerings.

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MACE and Doctoral Work
Completion of the MACE at DTS qualifies students to apply for the seminary’s Doctor of Educational Ministry (DEdMin) program. Those with an MACE degree from another institution may need to complete some leveling courses in order to apply for the DEdMin. Individual evaluation of master’s-level work that is required for admission to the DEdMin program may be obtained from the Doctor of Educational Ministry office. Requirements vary depending on the courses included in each student’s MACE coursework. For more information, please see the DEdMin section of this catalog.

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3 Students are encouraged to select a concentration prior to taking electives.

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5 Students complete an internship over two consecutive terms. In lieu of the MACE Ministry Formation Internship, qualifying students may elect to complete the Ministry Residency (EMLS801 and EMLS802) in a fall-spring, two-term format for more course credit. Please visit dts.edu/ministryresidency for detailed information about this option.