

# Local Church Ministries Program (M-LC)

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The purpose of the church is to glorify God by bringing all people, through evangelism and edification, to spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus. The practical reality of this purpose is the basis for local church ministry. The Local Church Ministries (LCM) area is designed with two separate majors, each with its own choice of minors. During the admissions procedures, students choose which major and minor(s) they desire.

The Assistant Pastor Major in the Local Church Ministries area is primarily designed to equip students who are headed toward professional assistant pastor vocations. Students may choose a major in one of the four minors or choose a major with a combination of two minors. The four areas are Youth, Christian Education, Counseling, and Music.

The Christian Education Program has been designed for those students who have been called into Christian service, yet for whom the Assistant Pastor Program may not be entirely appropriate. Students may choose to specialize in one of five minors including Local Church Ministries, Missions, Counseling, Music, and Secretarial.

## LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRIES PROGRAM GOALS

**1. The student should evidence a knowledge and understanding of the biblical and theological basis for local church ministry by successfully**

- a. passing the Bible Knowledge Exam,
- b. passing the Theological Capstone Exam,
- c. completing a theological summary of his or her beliefs,
- d. passing her or his oral theological exam, and
- e. completing a Baptist Polity Workbook.

**2. The student should evidence an understanding of a biblical philosophy of ministry and an ability to perform ministries related to his or her LCM minor by successfully**

- a. completing a written biblical philosophy of ministry related to his or her LCM minor,
- b. passing the LCM Capstone Exam,
- c. completing the Christian service assignments, and
- d. completing the LCM Internship.

**3. The student should evidence an ability to communicate the Bible effectively to people of various levels of spiritual maturity by successfully**

- a. teaching a senior Bible lesson,
- b. preaching a senior sermon (for Assistant Pastor students only),
- c. completing the Christian service assignments, and
- d. completing the LCM Internship.

**4. The student should evidence a commitment to accomplish the ministry to which God has called him or her by successfully**

- a. completing the required courses in the LCM minor,
- b. completing the LCM internship,
- c. completing the Christian service assignments,
- d. passing the Capstone Exam, and
- e. completing the LCM portfolio.

**The LCM courses taught only during the fall semesters 2007, 2009, 2011 are as follows:**

- M-LC 411 Ministry Media
- M-LC 413 Christian Education of Youth

**The LCM courses taught only during the Spring semesters 2008, 2010, 2012 are as follows:**

- M-LC 418 Seminar: Contemporary Youth Issues
- M-LC 416 Christian Education of Adults
- M-LC 642 Counseling Adolescents

**The LCM courses taught only during the Fall semesters 2008, 2010, 2012 are as follows:**

- M-LC 303 Youth Foundations
- M-LC 309 Seminar: Christian Education Issues

**The LCM courses taught only during the Spring semesters 2007, 2009, 2011 are as follows:**

- M-LC 306 Youth Programming
- M-LC 310 Sunday School Administration

### **Assistant Pastor Major Core Classes**

**The Assistant Pastor Major must include the following core courses in addition to a student's specific minor:**

- M-PT 202 Introduction to Homiletics
- M-PT 301 Homiletics I
- M-PT 302 Homiletics II, or M-LC 308 Preaching to Youth\*
- M-PT 304 Pastoral Counseling, or
- M-LC 635 The Bible and Counseling\*\*
- M-MU 405 Song Leading\*\*\*
- M-LC 401 Seminar: Serving on the Pastoral Staff

\* Assistant Pastoral students with a Youth Minor must take M-LC 308.

\*\* Assistant Pastoral students with a Counseling Minor must take both; Assistant Pastoral students with a Youth Minor must take M-LC 635.

\*\*\* Assistant Pastoral students with a Music Minor are exempt from this class.

### **Coaching Authorization**

For the Coaching Authorization, students must take the following four courses which are in addition to the course of study for the elementary education major or any of the secondary education majors. These courses are offered during regular semesters at times convenient for both students and instructor.

- G-PE 603 Foundations of Coaching
- G-PE 605 Kinesiology
- G-PE 608 Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries
- G-PE 610 Human Growth and Development