

Master of Divinity: Pastoral Thanatology Major

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The Master of Divinity in Pastoral Thanatology explores the biblical and spiritual resources available in grief and bereavement, and provides knowledge and skills for assisting those facing or coping with grief and death from the perspective of both the dying and the bereaved. The study of thanatology examines the grieving process, ethical issues surrounding death and dying, cultural, gender and societal attitudes towards death, the issues facing both the dying and the bereaved, and the place of ritual and memorialization.

The MDiv Pastoral Thanatology students who also desire the designation of Certified Thanatologist Pastoral Specialist (CTPS), granted by the Canadian Council for Professional Certification, may complete all the educational requirements within the MDiv degree requirements with a minimum of six courses in thanatology plus an internship of 260 hours.

Master of Divinity: Pastoral Thanatology Major		Courses
Biblical Studies		7
BIBL 0501	Biblical Interpretation	
OLDT 0511	Old Testament Theology and History	
NEWT 0522	New Testament Theology and History	
OLDT ____	Old Testament course	
NEWT ____	New Testament course	
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Theology and Christian History		4
HIST 0561	History of Christianity I	
HIST 0562	History of Christianity II	
THEO 0531	Systematic Theology	
THEO ____	Theology course	
Ministry Formation		7
LEAD 0510	Leadership Development	
MISS 0782	Gospel, Church and Culture	
SPIR 0700	Spiritual Formation	
INTD 0701	Internship	
PAST TH57	Thanatology Skills Lab*	
PAST TH ____	Thanatology course	
CHED ____	Christian Education and Discipleship course	

Pastoral Thanatology major courses		4
PAST TH51	Spiritual Care of the Dying and Grieving	
PAST TH53	Disenfranchised Grief	
PAST TH54	Cultural and Gender Dynamics in Grief, Death and Dying	
PAST TH__	Thanatology Course	
Electives		5
Total Course Requirements		27

Post-Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Thanatology

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The Post-Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Thanatology provides educational requirements for the Certified Thanatologist Pastoral Specialist (CTPS) designation. Admission requirement for this post-graduate diploma is a Master's degree from an accredited theological school and an interview with program coordinator or designate.

Post-Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Thanatology		Courses
PAST TH51	Spiritual Care of the Dying and Grieving	
PAST TH53	Disenfranchised Grief	
PAST TH54	Cultural and Gender Dynamics in Grief, Death and Dying	
PAST TH57	Thanatology Skills Lab	
PAST TH__	Thanatology Course	
PAST TH__	Thanatology Course	
INTD 0701	Internship	
Total Course Requirements		7

Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Program

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The Doctor of Ministry (DMin) is the highest earned degree for the profession of ministry. It is intended to: 1) advance understanding of the nature, purposes and practice of ministry, 2) enhance ministry and leadership competencies and 3) encourage continued growth in spiritual maturity. It is the appropriate degree for those with a Master of Divinity or equivalent, at least three years of ministry experience and a desire to deepen and broaden their ability in their area of ministry calling. This is a three-year plus, in-ministry program.

Due to the nature of the DMin program, many of its policies and procedures differ from those of other Tyndale programs. For details about DMin policies and procedures, please see the DMin Program Handbook.

The Doctor of Ministry has four tracks: Clinical Counselling and Psychotherapy, Leadership, Pastoral Thanatology, and Spiritual Formation.

Pastoral Thanatology Track		Courses
Year A		4
DMPT 0902	Pastoral Care Through Grief, Transition and Loss	
DMSF 0901	Listening to God: Discernment for Spiritual Formation	
DMSF 0911	Space for God: Personalizing Sacred Practices	
DMSF 0941	Spiritual Autobiography: The Ways of the Spirit in a Life	
Year B		4
DMSF 0905	Engaging Scriptures: Spiritual Formation for Information and Transformation	
DMPT 0903	Loss, Trauma and Resilience	
DMSF 0930	Journey Through Suffering and Dying	
DMPT 0942	Grief and Bereavement: Theories and Models	
Year C		4
DMPT 0904	The Emotional and Spiritual Development of the Thanatologist	
DMSF 0943	Ministry-Based Field Research	
DMPT 0905	Living with Loss, Finding Hope and Restoration	
DMSF 0947	Integration: Research Portfolio and Hearing	
Total Course Requirements		12

Post-Doctor of Ministry Certificate

Students who already have a Doctor of Ministry degree can take the concentration courses for a Post-Doctor of Ministry certificate.

Post-Doctor of Ministry Certificate in Pastoral Thanatology		Courses
Any 3 of the following:		
DMPT 0902	Pastoral Care Through Grief, Transition and Loss	
DMPT 0903	Loss, Trauma and Resilience	
DMPT 0904	The Emotional and Spiritual Development of the Thanatologist	
DMPT 0905	Living with Loss, Finding Hope and Restoration	
DMPT 0942	Grief and Bereavement: Theories and Models	
DMSF 0930	Journey Through Suffering and Dying	
Total Course Requirements		3

Concentrations

Master of Arts (except Master of Arts Historical and Theological Studies), Master of Divinity, Master of Theological Studies and Graduate Diploma students may use their elective courses to complete a four-course concentration in a specific area of study. Only electives may be used for these four courses.

Concentrations
Pastoral Thanatology
Any four PAST TH courses in addition to specific core/major requirements