

Master of Arts (MA) Program

Master of Arts: Children, Youth and Adult Discipleship Major

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The MA in Children, Youth & Adult Discipleship equips pastors and lay leaders to be educational leaders to nurture discipleship for all ages (children, youth, and adults) and stages of faith through catechesis, ordered learning, and fashioning classical forms of ecclesial life (Acts 2:42-47).

Courses cover the theology-philosophy of discipleship, educational, developmental, and curriculum foundations, and ethnographic-qualitative research to strategize, plan, execute, and evaluate church-wide programs in educational ministries. The goal is to renew and strengthen kingdom communities to embody Christ's abundant life in and for the world (Mt. 28:18-20; Col. 1:28; Eph. 4:11-16).

MA Children, Youth and Adult Discipleship Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand and apply biblical, theological, developmental, curricular, and educational foundations for learning and discipleship in children, youth, and adult ministries.
2. Read social-cultural contexts, vision cast, strategize, select curricula, and plan programs for holistic discipleship, which can include intergenerational approaches.
3. Assess ministry-program effectiveness among different age groups through the use of ethnographic-qualitative research.
4. Teach, mentor, and equip ministry leaders toward collaborative, creative, and developmentally appropriate ministries among children, youth, and adults. This includes knowledge of intergenerational learning for families and the whole church.
5. Grow in the knowledge and love of God as *habitus*, and convinced that teaching, learning, and transformation are the work of the Holy Spirit within a community of faith, and therefore spiritual and communal *acts*.

Master of Arts: Children, Youth and Adult Discipleship Major		Courses
Biblical Studies		3
BIBL 0501	Biblical Interpretation	
NEWT 0522	New Testament Theology and History	
OLDT 0511	Old Testament Theology and History	
Theology and Christian History		4
HIST 0561	History of Christianity I	
HIST 0562	History of Christianity II	
THEO 0531	Systematic Theology	
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THEO 0535	Christian Ethics in a Post-Christian World	
THEO 0646	Theology of the Human Person	
THEO 06XX	Theology and the Public Square	
Ministry Formation		3
LEAD 0510	Leadership Development	
MISS 0782	Gospel, Church and Culture	
SPIR 0700	Spiritual Formation	
Children, Youth and Adult Discipleship Major Courses		5
CHED 0552	Learning to Teach; Teaching to Disciple	
CHED 0652	Curriculum Design for Learning & Discipleship	
CHED 0662	Tools for Reading Social Contexts: Ethnography for Ministry	
CHED 0663	Building the Church through Small Groups	
CHED 0693	Evangelism & Discipleship	
Electives	[To be chosen in consultation with the Children, Youth and Adult Discipleship Major Coordinator]	3
Total Course Requirements		18

Notes:

1. To complete the program in two years requires students to take 9 courses per year.
2. Students are normally expected to complete the MA Children, Youth & Adult Discipleship within seven years of beginning the program.
3. Students can select electives for a focused area of discipleship ministry, e.g. Children, Youth or Adults.
4. Students can also combine electives from any focus area for a more generalized education and discipleship ministry for the whole congregation.