

MA: Pastoral Ministry

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The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry is for experienced pastors and recommended lay leaders whose ministerial functions make it impossible to engage in an extended study program at the Seminary. While admission to the program is similar for all groups of applicants, the curriculum reflects emphases for English or Hispanic ministry tracks (for details, see below).

In areas outside North America, the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry curriculum reflects indigenous needs. A minimum of 6 credits is offered in courses specifically adapted to meet local conditions and culture. Adjustments may be made in admissions policy pertaining to the length of ministerial experience.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the MA in Pastoral Ministry is based on the following requirements in addition to the general admission requirements for all graduate students (pp. 46–49) and the general Seminary admission requirements. Applicants must also complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire and the signed Release Agreement which are sent to the applicant after the initial application has been received.

Ministerial Applicants: English/Hispanic

- Be at least 35 years of age.
- Offer successful ministerial experience for at least the last five years.

Lay Leader Applicants

- Demonstrate excellent academic skills,
- Engaged in extensive, active, and successful ministry such as Sabbath school teacher, youth leader, elder, deacon, etc. for at least the last 5 years,
- Recommended by their local church pastor and local conference leadership.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The MA in Pastoral Ministry degree is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 48 credits of formal course work.

1. Course work in North America is offered off campus twice annually in one- and two-week intensives, normally at other SDA educational institutions. Students should expect pre and post class assignments as part of the total academic requirements of each course. The annual one- and two-week intensives generate the academic equivalent of 6–12 credits.
2. Prospective students may take no more than 3 classes (9 credits) before formal application into the MA in Pastoral Ministry is required.
3. Course work should be completed within 10 years of beginning the program.

Students failing to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 are placed on probation. Any student remaining on probation for the equivalent of two years (maximum of 18 credits) must withdraw from the program.

Transfer Credits. Upon approval by the dean, a maximum of 24 graduate credits may be transferred from approved seminaries or

universities, including Andrews University. Approved credits under the Credit Through Learning in Professional Experience provision (see below) are considered part of the maximum.

A maximum of 8 credits may be transferred from another conferred degree upon approval by the dean.

ENGLISH TRACK CURRICULUM

Biblical Studies

Old Testament (6)

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