

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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Courses

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(Credits)

CHMN508 (2-3) *Tools for the Pastor's Spouse*

This course is designed to equip the pastor's spouse for life in the pastorate. Some of the areas explored are: components needed for success, devotional life, enhancing marriage, hospitality, preacher's kids, discovering mission, team ministry, challenges in the parsonage, women's/men's ministry, and available resources.

CHMN517 (2-3) *Topics in Ministry*

This course introduces students to selected church ministry areas such as finances, church planting, teaching, Christian education, chaplaincy, urban ministry and health evangelism. Repeatable.

CHMN568 (1-8) *Learning in Professional Experience*

Used to record credits granted for previous professional experience based on a learning portfolio and reflection paper in degree programs that provide for this option. Guidelines are available from the respective program directors.

CHMN585 (2-3) *Cross-Cultural Communication*

A study of the impact of culture on communication and the ways cultures influence values and perceptions. Attention given to developing sensitivity when communicating with people of other cultures.

CHMN660 (1-6) *Field Practicum*

Practical training in a variety of field activities. An individual contract is developed between the student and a seminary faculty member that includes field supervision of that work, and the writing of a final product or report. Guidelines are available. Repeatable to 6 credits.

CHMN905 (2-3)

Seminar in Theory and Praxis

The interfacing of theory and praxis and their informing each other from a variety of theological, philosophical, sociological, functional, and related aspects.

Preaching

CHMN505 (2-3) *Biblical Preaching*

A study of the basic theological, theoretical, and procedural principles required for the construction and delivery of effective biblical/expository sermons. Opportunity for students to do supervised preaching in class and receive constructive feedback. Required for students with no previous formal training in preaching.

CHMN600 (2-3) *Preaching from the New Testament*

An advanced preaching course focusing on how to work with the various types of New Testament literature, including gospel narrative, parable, and epistle.

CHMN605 (2-3) *Theology and Preaching*

An advanced course that examines the interrelationship of preaching and theology, with emphasis on the theology of preaching.

CHMN607 (2-3) *Preaching from the Old Testament*

An advanced preaching course focusing on the analysis of the various types of Old Testament literature and special themes found in selected passages. Identical to OTST607.

CHMN614 (2-3) *Preaching from Daniel or Revelation*

A specialized preaching course taught in a lab setting and designed to complement courses offered in Daniel and Revelation.

CHMN621 (2-3) *Evangelistic Preaching*

Focuses on innovative evangelistic preaching to reach an unchurched, postmodern culture. Experimentation with both proven and creative/innovative evangelistic approaches will be encouraged throughout the course in which attention will be given to the best models of proclaiming the great doctrines of Scripture as understood by Seventh-day Adventists.

CHMN627 (2-3) *Black Preaching*

An advanced preaching course which seeks to refine and further develop the preaching skills of those called to preach among African Americans. Includes a survey and analysis of great Black preachers.

CHMN631 (3) *Field Evangelistic Preaching*

This course equips students to prepare Christ-centered, doctrinally sound sermons to preach at an evangelistic series to obtain decisions for Christ, His teachings and His church. The course will also help students with field preparation and organizational planning for the preaching event. Prerequisites: CHMN539, 562.

- CHMN632** (2-3)
Contextualized Preaching
The history and dynamics of preaching to a particular cultural group, such as African Americans, Hispanics, Youth, and Koreans, with an emphasis on the distinctive homiletical, rhetorical, and cultural qualities required for the effective proclamation of the Gospel to each group.
- CHMN633** (2-3)
Preaching the Literary Forms of the Bible
An advanced preaching course that presents a methodology for taking the literary form of biblical texts into account in the text-to-sermon process. The methodology is then applied to preaching on narratives, wisdom and apocalyptic literature, parables, and epistles.
- CHMN637** (2-3)
Seminar in Preaching
An advanced preaching course emphasizing such topics as homiletical theory, history of preaching, persuasion, current preaching trends and models, and experimental preaching techniques. Repeatable.
- CHMN680** (2-3)
Preaching from Selected Books of the Bible
An advanced preaching course emphasizing the preaching challenges and opportunities of working with targeted books of scripture. Repeatable.
- Church Leadership**
- CHMN518** (2-3)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills
This course leads students to examine the patterns of their own interpersonal relationships including the marital and family setting and beyond, and challenges them to emulate Christ's example as they interact with persons from all segments of society.
- CHMN526** (2-3)
Conflict Management in the Church
This course offers biblical resources and contemporary research informing creative management of human conflict. Included is examination of the causes and dynamics of conflict in churches. Participants develop skills in resolution and mediation. A variety of instructional methods, including lectures, case studies, role-plays, media, and personal style instruments are employed.
- CHMN527** (2-3)
Church Leadership and Administration
Students will examine models of leadership within a theological understanding of the church. Character formation of the leader is emphasized. The course seeks to develop non-profit leadership competencies, understanding of leadership in a pluralistic and multi-cultural world, as well as the important administrative skills one needs to lead effectively.
- CHMN529** (2-3)
Church and Personal Finance
Financial structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Also personal finance of the minister.
- CHMN535** (2-3)
Issues in Black Church Leadership
Consideration of issues such as urbanization, nationalistic and separatist movements, changing family patterns, youth culture, Black/White relations, role and function of regional conferences, factors in church growth, Black theology.
- CHMN543** (3)
Christian Leadership in a Changing World
Explores biblical and theological principles of Christian leadership, organizational theory, and systems thinking applicable to the church. Seeks to instill in students servant leadership qualities. Additionally, it facilitates growth in administrative areas such as strategic planning, managing change, finance, Christian education, and conflict management. Track II students first take CHMN552.
- CHMN552** (2)
Foundations of Pastoral Ministry
This course leads students to explore and reflect on the high calling of ministry, their own call, and the focus of their ministry. It engenders growth in the roles, tasks and responsibilities of pastoral ministry. Lab required.
- CHMN575** (2-3)
Principles of Stewardship
Explores the foundations for stewardship as a Christian lifestyle and the principles which are needed in a stewardship ministry for the local church.
- CHMN630** (2-3)
Leadership Development
A study of leadership emergence, selection, and training in missionary churches with particular attention paid to strategic issues of various training models and the relationship between formal, informal, and non-formal leadership development. Identical to MSSN630.
- CHMN638** (2-3)
Seminar in Leadership
Emphases from topics such as social psychology of leadership, theological foundations of leadership and pastoral care, management and leadership, leadership styles, conflict management, and church polity and finance. Repeatable.
- CHMN643** (2-3)
Christian Professional Ethics
An inquiry into the field of professional relations, dilemmas, and decision making within the context of Christian ethics. Emphasis on the identity, activity, and influence (witness) of a Christian professional, primarily in the caring professions. Identical to THST643.
- Pastoral Care**
- CHMN503** (3)
Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationships
Current issues in marriage and family are discussed, and available resources are explored. The dynamics of interpersonal relationships are examined and students are challenged to emulate Christ's example as they interact with persons from all segments of society.
- CHMN540** (2-3)
Church and Urban Community
Analysis of essential characteristics of urban life—diversity, secularity, anonymity, mobility. Study of specific urban issues

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such as racial conflict, inner-city poverty, middle-class alienation, and changing family patterns.

- CHMN546** (2-3)
Marriage and Family
Examination and development of pastoral tools for pre-marriage and marriage counseling. Includes study of theological, psychological, and sociological principles and applications for the life cycle of the family.
- CHMN547** (2-3)
The Ministry of Healing
An interdisciplinary study of the nature and function of ministry and medicine as they relate to the integration of the work of the healing agencies of the church and community with the traditional forms of pastoral ministry.
- CHMN548** (2-3)
Religion and the Black Experience
An analysis of the psychological and sociological foundations of the Black religious experience, emerging patterns of change, and a consideration of models and strategies for responding to that change.
- CHMN550** (2-3)
Pastoral Psychology
A specialized study of the psychological realm of human nature as portrayed by science and Divine revelation.
- CHMN 553** (2-3)
The Church and Social Issues
This course explores the biblical and theological foundations for the church's moral and social engagement in the local community. It combines academic theory and praxis with a biblically-informed perspective on contemporary society, and equips students with the tools required for their responsible involvement in society as prophetic change agents.
- CHMN555** (2-3)
Pastoral Counseling
Introduction to the processes and function of counseling as practiced by the helping professions, particularly of the pastor actively engaged in ministry to a congregation. A weekly lab experience for skills practice is required.
- CHMN557** (2-8)
Practicum in Clinical Pastoral Education
Clinical experience in the pastoral care of persons in crisis at an approved CPE center. Prerequisite: CHMN555. Note: Crisis healthcare ministry experience for credit is also available in a Pastoral Care Residency. See CHMN659.
- CHMN567** (2-3)
Health Ministry
A study of the Adventist health message in its contemporary expression and application in pastoral work and outreach.
- CHMN569** (2-3)
Chaplaincy Formation
An introduction to the basics of institutional pastoral ministry with a practicum in a local institution under chaplain supervision and in-class reflection on the practicum using discussion, verbatims, and small group principles. Experience in work site visitation on campus and in health-care institutions, emergency ministries, ministry to the sick and dying and their families, ministry to the staff.
- CHMN616** (2-3)
Spirituality in Ministry
Explores topics such as spiritual values in the Adventist faith, the ministry of prayer, and spiritual direction, and others. Repeatable with different topics.
- CHMN618** (1)
The Practice of Spirituality
Nurturing a personal relationship with God through involvement with various spiritual disciplines such as prayer, meditation, devotional reading, and journaling under the guidance of an instructor. Repeatable to 3 credits.
- CHMN620** (2-3)
Supervision in Ministry
Training in the supervision of seminary students and ministerial interns in the practice of ministry. Emphasis on formation as well as education. Action-reflection methods utilized in instruction as models for supervision in person-to-person or small group settings.
- CHMN640** (2-3)
Seminar in Pastoral Counseling
Application of principles and techniques to specific problem areas in pastoral care. Prerequisite: CHMN665 or its equivalent, or permission of instructor.
- CHMN641** (5-8)
Practicum in Military Chaplaincy
Air Force, Army, or Navy Chaplain School courses, such as the Chaplain Candidate Course or Basic Chaplain Course and subsequent Seminary approved military chaplaincy training events.
- CHMN644** \$ (2-3)
Seminar in Chaplaincy Ministries
Studies in the nature of institutional chaplain ministries such as military, health-care, prison, and campus chaplaincies. Fee applies for field trips. Repeatable.
- CHMN645** (2-3)
Seminar in Marriage and Family Problems
Open to advanced students in pastoral care. Individual research for seminar presentations and analysis of more complex and difficult problems faced by the pastor in the family context. A consideration of special techniques and counseling strategies in handling such problems in the pastoral role.
- CHMN646** (2-3)
Seminar in Specialized Ministries
Principles of ministering to people in particular circumstances, such as aging, physical disability, single parenting, delinquency, adoption, substance abuse, and dependency. Repeatable.
- CHMN647** (2-3)
Christian Education in the African-American Church
Explores the way African-Americans historically have conducted the task of grounding themselves and growing in the Word of God. The critical role church schools have played in the African-American community is examined.

- CHMN655** (2-3)
Dynamic Group Strategies
An examination of group-leadership interventions and techniques for specialized ministry in grief support, divorce support, smoking cessation, stress management, and other support groups within church, community, and campus settings.
- CHMN659** (1-4)
Practicum in Pastoral Care and Counseling
A skills course in techniques of pastoral visitation, counseling, and appraisal. Opportunity given for students to have direct counseling experience, with preparation and supervised examination of case reports and studies. Supervised experience at an approved Pastoral Care Residency site. Prerequisite: CHMN555.
- CHMN665** (2-3)
Advanced Pastoral Counseling
An intensive study of potential contributions of counseling to some of the more disturbing problems brought by members of a congregation to their pastors. Designed to enlarge the pastor's acquaintance with the therapeutic approaches of various referral agencies. Prerequisite: CHMN555 or its equivalent.
- Evangelism**
- CHMN536** (2-3)
Personal Evangelistic Ministry
Creating and conducting Bible studies that effectively facilitate conversion. Students will reflect on the discipleship process. Practical instruction will be given for doing visitation, initiating spiritual conversations, applying coaching skills, leading people to life transformation, and helping individuals remove faith barriers for sustained decision-making and assimilation.
- CHMN539** (3)
Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor
An examination of church growth principles with a special emphasis on the role of the pastor as an equipper. A prerequisite for all NADEI courses. 3 credits required for the MDiv program.
- CHMN561** (2-3)
Preparation for Public Evangelism
Introduces principles and practices of public evangelism, including the task of planning the details of a public meeting. This is an optional course for those conducting their own meeting.
- CHMN562** (3-6)
Field Evangelism
Participating in a field school of evangelism under the direction of an approved evangelist, with an emphasis on evangelistic visitation, clearing of biblical teaching, and leading people to decision. Required: 3 credits in the NADEI program.
- CHMN560** (2)
Theological Field Education
TFE is built around the mentoring relationship between a ministry context mentor and an individual seminarian in area churches or community ministry settings. It fosters the formation of ministry practitioners who are intentional about theological reflection to create insightful religious practice. 2 credits required for the MDiv program.
- CHMN566** (2-3)
Mobilizing Laity for the Ministry of Evangelism
Examination of how an equipping pastor practically mobilizes the church for evangelistic ministry. This course builds on the foundation laid in the prerequisite course, CHMN539.
- CHMN586** (1-3)
Specialized Approaches to Evangelism
A study of one or more particular evangelistic strategies, such as small-group evangelism, felt-need ministries, and youth and university-campus evangelism. Repeatable.
- CHMN587** (2-3)
Apologetics in Evangelism
Designed to enhance one's skill in defending the claims of the Christian faith as it relates to various world religions and other systems of beliefs and philosophies including giving reasons for one's faith in order to persuade others to accept Christ.
- CHMN606** (2-3)
Techniques in Church Planting
Development of an awareness of the importance of church planting. Basic models and procedures for successful church-planting programs.
- CHMN612** (2-3)
Urban Mission
Explores the nature of cities, noting their history, development, and relationship to the mission of God and the church. Students are exposed to various ministries dealing with the hungry, homeless, battered, addicted, and the alienated. Identical to MASN612.
- CHMN622** (2-3)
Seminar in Personal Evangelism
Research and presentations on various aspects of soul-winning in one-to-one or small-group encounters, including the development of new methods. This may involve formats, materials, audio-visuals, spiritual and psychological principles, decision seeking, problem solving, etc. Admission of non-doctoral students by permission of instructor.
- CHMN623** (2-3)
Innovative Evangelism
Seeks to stimulate new ideas for evangelizing population groups that may be difficult to reach with more traditional methods, as well as broadening the means by which people might be attracted to the gospel. This may involve a review of unique approaches that have been tried by others as well as the development of original plans by students.
- CHMN625** (2-3)
Demographics and Urban Studies
Methods of determining the characteristics of a particular community or target population, with a unique focus on large urban centers, for the purpose of selecting the most effective evangelistic approaches. Includes the use of needs assessments and marketing surveys.
- CHMN635** (2-3)
Broadcast Evangelism
Studies church-evangelism strategy involving a locally produced radio program. Planning, preparation, production, and follow-up of short daily programs and spots are emphasized, applying

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biblical principles of persuasion; includes actual production experience in the studios of WAUS-FM, the university station.

CHMN639 (2-3)

Seminar in Evangelism

Emphases from topics such as theology and history of evangelism and church growth, theory and research in church growth and member retention, evangelism and social alternative strategies for evangelism. Repeatable.

CHMN656 (2-3)

Holistic Small Groups

A thorough examination of Affinity Groups/Free Market Groups showing their effectiveness and purposes in church ministry. Also explores the key principles of Holistic Small Groups, a major factor of Natural Church Development, as well as the importance of developing an effective equipping system to grow disciples into disciple-makers.

CHMN667 (2-3)

Health Evangelism

The use of health and temperance programming in outreach to meet people's felt needs; to arouse interest in the broader physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of better living; and to assist those pursuing Adventist ideology to make appropriate lifestyle adjustments.

CHMN669 (2-3)

Advanced Holistic Small Groups

Examines church planting with small groups and how a church transitions into becoming a church of small groups by using time-line management/story-boarding techniques. Explores the establishment of youth and college groups as well as the development of group coaches.

Communication

CHMN574 (2-3)

Perspectives in Church Marketing

A survey of cutting-edge marketing principles used in the accomplishment of the church's mission, including programs intended to attract and serve current and prospective church members. Topics include selecting and understanding target audiences, strategic marketing planning, developing and branding church programs, promotion strategies, fund-raising, attracting volunteers, and evaluating program effectiveness.

Sacred Music and Worship

CHMN523 (2-3)

Worship: Word and Music

Explores the theology of worship and the interrelatedness of preaching, music, worship environment and other elements of corporate worship. Various worship styles and practices are considered and principles are presented that guide worship within local contexts.

CHMN537 (2-3)

Hymnology and Sacred Music

The understanding and appreciation of the heritage and development of Christian hymn singing and church music repertoire, in their respective liturgical and theological contexts.

CHMN578 (0.5-1)

Voice and Hymn Singing

Fundamental understanding of the voice as it relates to singing—includes breathing, tone quality, placement, and aspects of keeping the voice healthy. Seminary chorus participation required. Maximum 3 credits.

CHMN588 (0.5)

Seminary Chorus

Choral studies and participation as a demonstration of evangelistic and church music values. Membership open to the public by the consent of the instructor. Maximum 3 credits.

CHMN590 (2-3)

Ministry of Music

Selected topics in music ministry include church-music practicum: the administration and planning of a church-music program, the creation of liturgies, working with choirs, conducting, leading congregational singing; hymnology: the study of the historical, theological, and musical background and development of the Christian hymn.

CHMN629 (2-3)

Sacred Music in the African-American Tradition

An examination of the historical role of music in African-American worship, and of the distinctive contributions African-American sacred music has made to Christian worship.

CHMN654 (2-3)

History and Theology in Adventist Worship

A study of Adventist corporate worship in terms of the theological and historical issues that inform it. Principles for designing and leading Adventist worship are emphasized.

Hispanic Ministries

CHMN514 (2-3)

Public Evangelism (Hispanic)

Evangelistic leadership. A study of basic principles underlying public evangelistic endeavor, and basic evangelistic procedures focused on the Hispanic-American population.

CHMN525 (2-3)

Hispanic-American Culture and Challenges

Studies into the nature of the multifaceted North American Hispanic culture and challenges.

CHMN538 (2-3)

Bilingual Ministry

A study of the contextual needs of Hispanics born in the U.S., with emphasis on principles for retaining church members and reaching those not in the church.

Individual Studies

CHMN690 (1-3)

Independent Study

See general guidelines under Academic Information.

CHMN890 (1-6)

Directed Reading

Repeatable.