

Pastoral Ministry MAPM (Hispanic Track)

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The Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry is intended for experienced pastors **over the age of 35** whose ministerial functions and employment responsibilities make it impossible to engage in an extended study program at the Seminary. The goals of our program are to deepen the understanding, reflection, and skills of the pastors in the core qualities of character, evangelism/ discipleship, leadership, management, relationship, scholarship, and worship. 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).

This program is offered at designated locations within each Union of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. For more information visit the following site: [MAPM Pastoral Ministry](#).

The MAPM is not designed to prepare students for advanced degrees. If a student later wishes to pursue an advanced degree in the seminary, they will need to do additional coursework on the master's level. (See the admission requirements under the advanced degrees.)

Mission Statement: **The MAPM offers effective graduate education for experienced English and Spanish-speaking NAD pastors who seek a deeper walk with God, a greater knowledge in the practice of ministry and a continuing commitment to the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.**

Total Credits - 48

NOTE: All courses in this program are to be taken for 3 credits.

Practical and Applied Theology - 15

- [PATH 538 - Bilingual Ministry](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 539 - Church Growth and the Equipping Leader](#) Credits: 3
- [PATH 543 - Christian Leadership in a Changing World](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 637 - Seminar in Preaching](#) Credits: 2,3
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- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [PATH 514 - Public Evangelism \(Hispanic\)](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 517 - Topics in Ministry](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 525 - Hispanic-American Culture and Challenges](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 604 - Mobilizing for Evangelistic Ministry](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 606 - Mission-Shaped Church Planting](#) Credits: 2,3
- [PATH 656 - Evangelistic Small Groups](#) Credits: 2,3

Church History - 6

- [CHIS 674 - Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology](#) Credits: 2,3
- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [CHIS 567 - Hispanic-American Church History](#) Credits: 2,3
- [CHIS 659 - Seminar in the History of Selected Christian Doctrines](#) Credits: 3
- [CHIS 680 - History of Sabbath and Sunday](#) Credits: 2,3

Discipleship & Lifespan Education - 6

- [DSLE 503 - Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationships](#) Credits: 2,3
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- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [DSLE 534 - Ministry to Youth and Young Adults](#) Credits: 2,3
- [DSLE 541 - Foundations of Biblical Spirituality](#) Credits: 2,3
- [DSLE 610 - Teaching for Discipleship](#) Credits: 2,3

General Seminary - 3

- 3 credits of [GSEM 620 - Research Methods](#) Credits: 2,3

New Testament - 3

- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [NTST 535 - Studies in the Pauline Writings](#) Credits: 2,3
- [NTST 536 - Studies in the Gospels](#) Credits: 2,3
- [NTST 537 - Studies in Acts and General Epistles](#) Credits: 2,3
- [NTST 538 - Studies in Hebrews](#) Credits: 2,3
- [NTST 539 - Studies in Revelation](#) Credits: 2,3

Old Testament - 3

- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [OTST 566 - Studies in the Pentateuch \(English\)](#) Credits: 2,3
- [OTST 556 - Studies in Prophets \(English\)](#) Credits: 2,3
- [OTST 546 - Studies in Daniel \(English\)](#) Credits: 2,3

Theology - 3

- **Choose one of the following courses:**
- [THST 616 - Doctrine of God](#) Credits: 2,3
- [THST 630 - Doctrine of Christ](#) Credits: 2,3
- [THST 640 - Doctrine of Salvation](#) Credits: 2,3
- [THST 647 - Human Nature and Destiny](#) Credits: 2,3

World Mission - 3

- [MSSN 546 - Mission in Cultural and Religious Context](#) Credits: 3

Electives - 6

Choose any courses offered in the Seminary with the following prefixes (courses cannot be repeated): CHIS, DSLE, MSSN (MSSN 505 - Christian Responses to Human Needs is recommended), NTST, OTST, PATH, THST.

Additional Requirements

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

- Course work in North America is offered off campus twice annually in two one-week intensives, normally at Adventist institutions. Students should expect pre- and post-class assignments as part of the total academic requirements of each course. The intensives generate the equivalent of 6–12 credits annually.
- All students must participate in supervised ministerial experience as part of their degree requirements.

- Attendance of at least 6 credits on the Andrews University campus (or approved complete degree site) during the first year of the program is required. This residency requirement is offered as an approved exception to the Association of Theological Schools larger residency expectation stated in Degree Program Standard B, section B.3.1.3.

Academic Standing

- 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.
- Only grades of a C- or above will count towards the 48-credit requirement.
- Following an absence of one year or more, a student's previous admission status will have lapsed and the student must reapply to the program.
- Course work should be completed within six years of beginning the program. Credits older than ten years will not be applied toward the degree.

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 and the general Seminary admission requirements:

- Hold a BA degree or equivalent from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Provide evidence of successful pastoral leadership during the past three years.
- Be recommended by the local conference administration, a pastoral colleague and a local church leader/elder.
- Complete the Mentoring Agreement Form (retrieve from the [Experiencia de Tutoría Ministerial](#)).
- Be over the age of 35. (Exceptions by petition only.)
- **Criminal Background Check.** Because seminary students will, during and/or after their studies, be working in positions of trust, applicants who have lived in North America (US or CN) for 6 months or more are required to complete a Criminal Background Check before being accepted to the seminary. This is a regular requirement for many areas of leadership and is required by the North American Division for all volunteers and employees who work with children. Andrews University has selected the same company used by the North American Division - Sterling Volunteers - to administer your background check. There is a standard fee charged by Sterling Volunteers for this service. Please click here to complete this step. (If you have previously completed a background check with Sterling Volunteers please email your status report to SemTest@andrews.edu.) With Sterling Volunteers, you can rest assured that your information is safe. All data is encrypted and is stored in a completely secure environment. If you have any questions or concerns about Sterling Volunteers' security measures or payments, feel free to contact them at TheAdvocates@sterlingvolunteers.com or 855-326-1860, Option 1.
- An interview with a representative of the MAPM program may be required, either by personal contact, telephone, or video.
- Applicants to all Seminary programs are required to complete and submit to the Seminary the "Pre-Admission Conduct Disclosure Statement."

Policy for Applicants Who Hold Degrees from Unaccredited Schools or Lack Baccalaureate Degrees: *Unaccredited Schools*

Applicants who hold degrees from unaccredited schools will submit the following:

- A **research paper:** 12-15 pages on a biblical/theological or ministerial topic that demonstrates solid academic-level research and writing skills.
- A **resume** documenting at least 3-years of ministry/pastoral leadership and work experience.
- A **statement of purpose** including their call to pastoral ministry showing authentic biblical spirituality.
- **Three recommendations** (as indicated above)

- **Official transcripts** showing the completion of an undergraduate (baccalaureate) degree with a minimum **2.5 GPA**.
- A **letter of petition** from a church administrator (usually **conference president or ministerial director**) requesting/**endorsing** the applicant's admission to the program
- **Interview:** Applicants will be interviewed by the program director or one of the Deans. The interview will address key elements of the applicant's life, including his or her philosophy of ministry, life experience, goals, distinctive doctrines and theology.
- **Additional credits:** For students accepted into the MAPM program, an additional **6 credits will be required as per the recommendation of the MAPM director.**

Lack of Baccalaureate Degree

For applicants who lack baccalaureate degrees, in addition to all requirements above, they must also:

- Submit **official transcripts** showing the completion of a minimum of **60 undergraduate credits** (semester) or an **associate degree** with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- **Additional Credits:** For students accepted into the MAPM program, an additional **14 credits** will be required as per the recommendation of the MAPM director.
- If required, the applicant will be interviewed by the program director or Seminary Dean.

Students requesting consideration under these exceptions must submit a complete graduate application prior to being considered for admission.

Students who meet the above requirements will be processed by the program's office, taking to the Masters Admissions Committee only those cases that fall outside of this policy/protocol.

Additional Information

Transferred and Earned Term Credit Limits

- All course credits applied towards degree requirements should be earned within 10 years of the awarding of the degree. In some cases, provision may be made to update the courses.
- All graduate courses taken at the SDATS with a C- grade or above are eligible to be transferred to the MAPM program.
- Upon approval by the dean, a maximum of 24 graduate credits may be transferred from approved seminaries or universities.
- A maximum of 8 credits may be transferred from another conferred degree upon approval by the dean.

Reapplying to the Pastoral Ministry MAPM Program

- **Following an absence of one year or more, a student's previous admission status will have lapsed and the student will need to reapply to the program and pay all the admission fees. Students will be accepted under the current bulletin.**

Note for Washington State citizens:

Andrews University is authorized by the Washington Student Achievement Council and meets the requirements and minimum educational standards established for degree-granting institutions under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act. This authorization is subject to periodic review and authorizes Andrews University to offer specific degree programs. The Council may be contacted for a list of currently authorized programs. Authorization by the Council does not carry with it an endorsement by the Council of the institution or its programs. Any person desiring information about the requirements of the act or the applicability of those requirements to the institution may contact the Council at P.O. Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 or by email at degreeauthorization@wsac.wa.gov.

The transferability of credits earned at Andrews University is at the discretion of the receiving college, university, or other educational institution. Students considering transferring to any institution should not assume that credits earned in any program of study at Andrews University will be accepted by the receiving institution. Similarly, the ability of a degree, certificate, diploma, or other academic credential earned at Andrews University to satisfy an admission requirement of another institution is at the discretion of the receiving institution. Accreditation does not guarantee credentials or credits earned at Andrews University will be accepted by or transferred to another institution. To minimize the risk of having to repeat coursework, students should contact the receiving institution in advance for evaluation and determination of transferability of credits and/or acceptability of degrees, diplomas, or certificates earned.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) has authority to investigate student complaints against specific schools. WSAC may not be able to investigate every student complaint.

Visit <https://www.wsac.wa.gov/student-complaints> for information regarding the WSAC complaint process.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Deliver effective biblically-based sermons.
- Demonstrate proper biblical interpretation skills.
- Understand the historical-theological development of the Adventist Church.
- Capable of training church members for evangelism.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how to empower church members for leadership.
- Capable of reaching specific social groups.