

PRACTICAL MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

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The practical ministries department is driven by these values: sound biblical doctrine, evidence of the holistic development of students, intrinsically motivated ministry, and partnership among professors. These values generate the vision and define the mission of the department. This in turn fulfills the mission of the college by educating students in the most effective and culturally sensitive methods, enriching their sense of ministry, and equipping them with appropriate skills.

Vision

We see graduates of Manhattan Christian College as leading churches to more and purposeful ministries in such a way that they will be in demand for their excellent professionalism in work and their genuine love in relationships.

Mission

Grounding both education and enrichment in the Word of God, the practical ministries department exists to equip students for ministry in the kingdom of God.

Objectives

PRACTICAL MINISTRY DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES

By completing a practical ministries degree at MCC, students *will* be able to...

- understand the biblical foundations for ministry in the kingdom of God.
- provide evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their work and ministry.
- recognize the role of culture in determining how they approach ministry.
- implement a lifestyle of worship that will deepen the understanding of God's continued active presence in their work of ministry.
- demonstrate excellence in practical ministry skills.



CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The student who graduates with a degree in Cross-Cultural Ministry *will* be able to...

- have a firm biblical perspective of God's vision to reconcile all peoples to Himself.
- incarnationally take the gospel of Christ to an unreached people group.
- demonstrate servanthood of Christ in ministry.
- design and implement a church planting strategy among an unreached people group.
- have the tools necessary for learning a second language with or without outside help.
- understand the necessity of and principles of developing indigenous Christian leaders.
- have the tools necessary for building and sustaining a mission program in a local church.
- understand the basic elements of the world's major religions and how they relate to Christianity.
- utilize the basic spiritual giftedness in Christ for Spiritual Warfare.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The student who graduates with a degree in Educational Ministry *will* be able to...

- explain the biblical foundation and theology for educational ministry.
- integrate learning theory with biblical theology, knowledge of culture, methodology, human development, and worldview issues in determining how to approach educational ministry for the various age groups.
- select a Bible passage, exegete it properly, and write a lesson that is appropriate to the Bible passage, stated objectives, and age needs of the students.
- identify basic principles of organization and administration for educational ministry and develop men and women to carry out that ministry
- evaluate curriculum/program resources and select those which will best enable educational ministry to be carried out.

FAMILY MINISTRY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The student who graduates with a degree in Family Ministry *will* be able to...

- know key theories, conceptual issues, methodology, and theology related to family ministry
- identify needs of families of various types and contexts.
- understand the influence of human development on individuals and families.
- apply contemporary family theories, research-based methods, and biblically-based concepts to practice in family ministry, counseling, and related fields.
- analyze contemporary cultural issues and their influence on families and ministry to families.
- function as a professional within an ethical structure consistent with his/her Christian beliefs
- enter graduate school in family studies, counseling, or related field.

The student who graduates with a degree in Family Ministry and an emphasis in Pre-Counseling *will* be able to...

- know seminal and contemporary counseling theories.
- implement specific counseling skills within interviewing/counseling contexts.
- critique counseling sessions and reports on counseling sessions.

The student who graduates with a degree in Family Ministry and an emphasis in Pre-Social Work *will* be able to...

- understand key issues related to counseling.
- know the basic context of contemporary social work.
- understand terminology associated with the social work profession.

The student who graduates with a degree in Family Ministry and an emphasis in Church Ministry *will* be able to...

- understand key issues related to counseling.
- know relevant biblical and theological concepts related to a specific area of ministry in the local church.
- work effectively in a specific area of ministry in the local church.

PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The student who graduates with a degree in Pastoral Ministry *will* be able to...

- analyze a passage of scripture from an exegetical viewpoint and organize the truth in order to present that truth a sermon with clarity of thought.
- articulate the Christian worldview and challenge non-Christian worldviews through a variety of delivery methods.
- demonstrate interpersonal and administration skills for congregational leadership.
- understand the basic principles of a vibrant, healthy, and growing church.
- understand the basic models for performing weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other ministerial duties.
- demonstrate the academic ability to pursue graduate studies.

WORSHIP MINISTRY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The student who graduates with a degree in Worship Ministry *will* be able to...

- explain the biblical foundations and theology of worship.
- understand and correctly apply God's Word in personal and corporate ministry settings.
- demonstrate knowledge of worship history, traditions, and current developments.
- plan and lead Christ-centered, God-honoring, Spirit-led corporate worship services with the gospel of Jesus as the foundational content, utilizing a variety of appropriate structures and styles.
- nurture, lead, and communicate effectively with church musicians and other church members in a variety.
- demonstrate basic skills in piano, vocal, conducting, and music technology, participating with excellence in corporate as a church musician.
- manage the administrative aspects of worship ministry effectively.
- embrace a lifestyle rich with personal and corporate worship and growth, in an ever-deepening relationship with God.

YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The student who graduates with a degree in Youth Ministry *will* be able to...

- develop an appreciation for continued study in the subjects of youth ministry and youth culture.
- articulate both a personal and ministerial philosophy surrounding youth ministry.
- articulate both a personal and ministerial theology surrounding youth ministry.
- develop and execute administrative paradigms related to youth ministry.
- identify and articulate fundamental characteristics related to developmental stages.
- understand and correctly apply God's Word in personal and corporate ministry settings.
- gain both an appreciation for and understanding of the specific track ministry chosen by the student and its relationship to the youth ministry major.