

MARYLHURST UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

• MASTER OF
DIVINITY





ACADEMIC, PRACTICAL AND PERSONAL

- COMPREHENSIVE MINISTRY PREPARATION

Marylhurst University's Master of Divinity program is a transformative and life-engaging experience designed to increase your theological competence and effectiveness as a care provider.

Attain your dreams as you grow in wholeness through a greater understanding of self, the universe and the Divine. Explore biblical texts, the human soul and worldviews in a comprehensive series of classes. Built around the history, theology and literature of Judeo-Christian scriptures, Marylhurst welcomes the study of other traditions as well. Practice your beliefs within your religious framework while learning about traditions different from your own.

Develop a strong and balanced theological foundation within an educational, professional and spiritual context. Deepen your sense of personal and spiritual integration through awareness of your ministerial strengths and weaknesses. Intellectually grounded, spiritually formed and ministerially skilled—you'll be qualified for leadership.

Gain skills to provide spiritual counsel and pastoral care;

Combine psychology and theology through scriptural reflection models;

Investigate the ethics of theological and philosophical systems;

Master the art of scripture interpretation;

Communicate with clarity and conviction;

Impart sacred text with knowledge, passion and depth;

Experience the values of your faith; and

Appreciate the richness in all spiritual traditions.

Marylhurst’s Master of Divinity program combines a thoughtful blend of coursework to provide you with the professional skills for service and leadership. Focused preparation addresses pastoral counseling, liturgy and ritual, assessment, theological resources and prayer. Studies involve scriptural knowledge, historical understanding, theological insight and ethical discernment. Readings, interactive exercises and discussions are designed to transform your education into your future of ministry.

Vision

Recognize your moral engagement with the world as you help others reach their potential. Apply the principles of your faith while incorporating your beliefs with life in the present-day world.

Commitment

Acquire strength to manage the challenges of ministerial life. Learn to balance your needs with your devotion to ministry. Include your daily custom of prayer and meditation in your dedication to service.

Scholarship

Evaluate your beliefs through scholarly study and dialogue. Interpret contemporary thought and life while clarifying your theological positions in relation to historical teachings.

Preparation

Increase self-awareness, resilience, insight and integrity as you advance in your spiritual journey. Attain personal and pastoral maturity while training for culturally relevant ministry.

OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTORS

Dedicated instructors provide counsel and guidance while bringing wisdom and experience into the classroom. Through academics, character formation and mentoring, they help you apply theology in a ministerial setting. Upon completion of the program, you’ll be ready to conduct your ministry with confidence, communicate in a manner that is intellectually articulate and provide pastoral care with compassion.

MASTER OF DIVINITY — 111 QUARTER CREDIT HOURS	
Pre-Course Requirements	2 crs.
Seminar: Covenant & Orientation	
Seminar: Graduate Writing	
Biblical Studies	24 crs.
Interfaith Scriptural Frameworks for Pastoral & Spiritual Care	
Torah	
Gospels	
Epistles	
Gospel of Luke & Acts	
<i>Three additional approved classes</i>	
Historical & Theological Studies	24 crs.
Interfaith Theological Frameworks for Pastoral & Spiritual Care	
Applied Ethics and the Pastoral & Spiritual Care Provider	
Contemporary and Personal Theologies of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	
Western Thought & History I, II, III	
Theology for the Third Millennium or Applied Ethics	
<i>One additional approved class</i>	
Social & Behavioral Studies, Ministry	30 crs.
Pastoral & Spiritual Identity	
Issues in Pastoral & Spiritual Care	
Liturgies, Rituals, Teachings, Preaching & Spiritual Practices of: Christianity, Judaism & Islam	
Liturgies, Rituals, Teachings, Preaching & Spiritual Practices of: Buddhism, Native American & Other Traditions	
Pastoral & Spiritual Counseling Strategies	
Pastoral & Spiritual Care in Times of Loss, Grief & Bereavement	
Prayer & Spirituality of the Pastoral & Spiritual Care Provider	
Spiritual Direction & Spiritual Counseling as an Art & a Science	
<i>Two additional approved classes</i>	
Integrative Studies	18 crs.
Theological Reflection in Pastoral & Spiritual Care	
Supervised Practicum I, II	
Supervised Practicum Co-op I, II	
Professional Advancement	
Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Pastoral & Spiritual Care	
<i>One additional approved class</i>	
Electives	6 crs.
Master’s Project	7 crs.
TOTAL	111 QUARTER CREDITS



CAREER PATHS

With a Master of Divinity you are prepared for ordination in your tradition. The requirements of your congregation may be met while taking classes.

Chaplain certification requirements may be fulfilled through the program. Studies prepare you for licensing with the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, National Association for Catholic Chaplains and the Association of Professional Chaplains.

The Master of Divinity leads to careers in ministry and practical theology such as pastor, ethicist, counselor, spiritual life facilitator, writer and educator. You'll be prepared for work in organizations such as hospitals, hospice centers, high school and college campuses, correction facilities, churches, synagogues, military bases, retirement centers and corporations.

NEXT STEP

Contact Marylhurst University today. An advisor will answer questions about designing your academic program and provide you with information about admissions, transfer credits, financial aid and scholarships.

Marylhurst University is a liberal arts university located 10 minutes south of Portland between Lake Oswego and West Linn. Founded in 1893, Oregon's oldest Catholic university welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds. A member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) and an affiliate of the Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP), Marylhurst is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

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