

The John Leland Center for Theological Studies Ministry Rotation Guidelines

Purpose: The purpose of the Ministry Rotation curriculum is to expose students to a diversity of ministries and ministry settings. The rotations are expected to occur within several broad categories of ministry: Mission/Evangelism, Justice/Advocacy, and Chaplaincy. Other categories are permitted at the discretion of the Director.

Program Requirements: The Master of Divinity program requires the successful completion of 4 credit hours in Ministry Rotations (2 credits per rotation). Each rotation must include the following:

- ❖ A qualified Mentor (each mentor is subject to approval by the Director)
- ❖ A qualifying Ministry Setting (each setting is subject to approval of the Director)

Student Requirements: Students are expected to satisfy the following:

- ❖ Select a mentor (in the event the student is unable to secure the assistance of a qualified mentor, then he/she may seek assistance from the Director)
- ❖ Select a ministry setting, designating one of the four categories of ministry
- ❖ Submit a proposal describing the rotation, including a reading list, to the Director – to be developed in consultation with the mentor and Director
- ❖ Meet regularly with your mentor (at least three times during the rotation)
- ❖ 30 class hours of ministry contact
- ❖ 400-600 pages of reading (This requirement will vary depending on the sophistication and difficulty of the material)
- ❖ Submit a Ministry Rotation Journal (Entries are to be made throughout the rotation)
- ❖ Submit a 10-12 page Reflection paper (In the content of the reflection paper, students should be prepared to show an integration of their reading, rotation experience, and theological reflection. Use standard academic form, citing all sources. Include a bibliography.)
- ❖ Ministry Rotation Journal and Reflection Paper are submitted to (within 30 days of completing the rotation) and evaluated by the mentor and Director.
- ❖ A Ministry Rotation cannot take longer than four months to complete. Exceptions can be made only with the written permission of the Director.

Evaluation: Grades for Ministry Rotation will be granted on a Pass/Fail basis. All evaluations will be made by the Director in consultation with the student's mentor.

Expectations: Students are expected to use these Ministry Rotation courses to explore unfamiliar territory in ministry. Rotation courses will require a higher level of initiative than most courses. Creativity is encouraged.

Since this program is a signature of the Leland Center's commitment to sound ministry formation, every effort should be made to ensure a high quality engagement with the resources for this course. As is always the case, student suggestions and evaluations

are highly valued. (Guidelines developed 10-4-01, revised 4-30-02, 8-31-02, 11-22-05, 7-13-06, 5-14-09)

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