

## Master of Theology Program (M.Th.)

The M.Th. program is a research-oriented, advanced graduate degree in theology. It is intended to give students a specialized or professional competence in theology and the religious sciences. Such graduate study aims at preparing students for further study at the doctoral level, for the ministry of teaching theology, and other specialized ministries within the Christian community.

### Admission Requirements

The requirements for admission to the M.Th. program are:

- A M.Div. degree from an institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (A.T.S.).
- A probationary year of four Master's level courses with a minimum average of 3.3 (77% or B+) for those candidates whose M.Div. or equivalent is not recognized by the A.T.S.
- A grade point average of 3.3 (77% or B+) on all courses counting towards the M.Div. degree.
- Reading competency in at least one modern or classical language depending on one's area of study.

**NOTE:** Language requirements may be met within the program, but applicants are encouraged to acquire language competency prior to admission.

Applicants presenting a two-year M.T.S. degree from an accredited A.T.S. institution must complete an additional 30 credits in graduate level courses before admission to the M.Th. Program will be considered. These additional courses will not be counted for credit to the M.Th. degree.

### Procedure for Admission

- a) Complete Application Form and submit with payment of \$40.00 non-refundable application fee;
- b) Arrange for official transcripts to be sent to the Registrar's Office from all high school and post-secondary institutions attended. An official transcript is one that has been received by the Registrar's Office directly from the issuing educational authority. No photocopies allowed.
- c) Personal autobiography and curriculum vitae\*.
- d) Three letters of recommendation\* from persons qualified to judge the character and intellectual ability of the applicant. Letters must be sent directly to the Registrar's Office.
- e) Application Deadlines: August 1st for fall semester and December 1st for winter semester.

*\* Guidelines available from the Registrar's Office.*

Transcripts or references issued directly to the student or photocopies will not be accepted. When the Registrar's Office has received all required documents, the applicants file will be brought forward to the Admissions & Evaluation Committee for consideration.

## **Degree Requirements**

The M.Th. degree is awarded upon completion of the following requirements:

- MTH 804 Research & Methodology in Theology (3 course credits) or BST 635 Research and Methodology in Biblical Studies (3 course credits).
- Area of concentration (12 course credits);
- Electives (6 course credits);
- MTH 805 Bibliographical Study & Thesis proposal (3 credits);
- MTH 902/903 Thesis & Thesis Defence (6 credits).

A GPA of 3.3 or better must be maintained to continue in the program. All requirements for the degree must be completed within 5 years from the date of registering in the program. For extreme circumstances, the Dean of Theology may grant an extension to this limit.

The Dean of Theology, in consultation with the student, will ask a NTC faculty member to be the director for the program and thesis. Directors will guide and assist students in selecting suitable courses and in completing the thesis work.

M.Th. candidates must take at least 15 of the 21 required course credits at NTC. All requirements for credit in the M.Th. program are met through 500/600 level courses and special 800 level reading research courses, arranged at the suggestions of the students director and with the approval of the Dean. It is recommended that M.Th. students take the 600 level courses in their major area of concentration.

The thesis should be between 75-100 pages in length, excluding bibliography, and must be a topic within the candidate's major area of concentration.

### **General Outline ~ M.Th.**

BST 635 Research and Methodology in Biblical Studies **-OR-**

MTH 804 Research and Methodology Theology

12 course credits at the 500/600/800 level in area of concentration (chosen in consultation with the program director) - **AND** -

6 elective course credits at the 500/600/800 level (chosen in consultation with the program director)

MTH 805 Bibliographical Study and Thesis Proposal

MTH 902/903 Thesis and Thesis Defense

For details on M.Th. thesis, refer to the Master of Theology Program: A Guide for Students and Professors, available from the Registrar's Office.