

# CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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## Courses

(Credits)

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### CHMN508 (2-3) *Tools for the Pastor's Spouse*

This course is designed to equip the pastor's spouse for life in the pastorate. Some of the areas explored are: components needed for success, devotional life, enhancing marriage, hospitality, preacher's kids, discovering mission, team ministry, challenges in the parsonage, women's/men's ministry, and available resources.

### CHMN517 (2) *Topics in Ministry*

This course introduces students to selected church ministry areas of great importance. Topics include finances, church planting, teaching, Christian education and chaplaincy, urban ministry, and health evangelism.

### CHMN533 (0.34) *Colloquium*

Required topics are: Health Ministry; Church and Personal Finance (Stewardship), Teaching Ministry, Church Planting, Institutional/Educational Ministry, Urban Ministry. Elective colloquia on other topics may be offered periodically.

### CHMN552 (2) *Foundations of Pastoral Ministry*

This course leads students to explore and reflect on the high calling of ministry, their own call, and the focus of their ministry. It engenders growth in the roles, tasks and responsibilities of pastoral ministry. Lab required.

### CHMN568 (1-8)

#### *Learning in Professional Experience*

Used to record credits granted for previous professional experience based on a learning portfolio and reflection paper in degree programs that provide for this option. Guidelines are available from the respective program directors.

### CHMN585 (2-3)

#### *Cross-Cultural Communication*

A study of the impact of culture on communication and the ways cultures influence values and perceptions. Attention given to developing sensitivity when communicating with people of other cultures.

### CHMN660 (1-6)

#### *Field Practicum*

Practical training in a variety of field activities. An individual contract is developed between the student and a seminary faculty member that includes field supervision of that work, and the writing of a final product or report. Guidelines are available. Repeatable to 6 credits.

### CHMN905 (2-3)

#### *Seminar in Theory and Praxis*

The interfacing of theory and praxis and their informing each other from a variety of theological, philosophical, sociological, functional, and related aspects.

## Preaching

### CHMN505 (2-3)

#### *Biblical Preaching*

A study of the basic theological, theoretical, and procedural principles required for the construction and delivery of effective biblical/expository sermons. Opportunity for students to do supervised preaching in class and receive constructive feedback. Required for students with no previous formal training in preaching.

### CHMN520 (2-3)

#### *Contextualized Preaching*

The history and dynamics of preaching to a particular cultural group, such as African Americans, Hispanics, Youth, and Koreans, with an emphasis on the distinctive homiletical, rhetorical, and cultural qualities required for the effective proclamation of the Gospel to each group.

### CHMN600 (2-3)

#### *Preaching from the New Testament*

An advanced preaching course focusing on how to work with the various types of New Testament literature, including gospel narrative, parable, and epistle.

### CHMN605 (2-3)

#### *Theology and Preaching*

Examines the interrelationship of preaching and theology, with emphasis on the theology of preaching.

### CHMN607 (2-3)

#### *Preaching from the Old Testament*

An advanced preaching course focusing on the analysis of the various types of Old Testament literature and special themes found in selected passages. Identical to OTST607.

- CHMN614** (2–3)  
*Preaching from Daniel or Revelation*  
A specialized preaching course taught in a lab setting and designed to complement courses offered in Daniel and Revelation.
- CHMN621** (3)  
*Evangelistic Preaching*  
This course equips students to prepare Christ-centered, Bible-based, doctrinally sound, sermons from the distinct perspective of the Adventist mission; and present them in a creative and persuasive manner. Students will experiment, in a field setting, with proven and innovative approaches that are relevant in reaching the unchurched and postmodern culture.
- CHMN627** (2–3)  
*Black Preaching*  
An advanced preaching course which seeks to refine and further develop the preaching skills of those called to preach among African Americans. Includes a survey and analysis of great Black preachers.
- CHMN637** (2–3)  
*Seminar in Preaching*  
An advanced preaching course emphasizing such topics as homiletical theory, history of preaching, persuasion, current preaching trends and models, and experimental preaching techniques. Repeatable.
- CHMN680** (2–3)  
*Preaching from Selected Books of the Bible*  
An advanced preaching course emphasizing the preaching challenges and opportunities of working with targeted books of scripture. Repeatable.
- Church Leadership**
- CHMN518** (2–3)  
*Interpersonal Relationship Skills*  
This course leads students to examine the patterns of their own interpersonal relationships including the marital and family setting and beyond, and challenges them to emulate Christ's example as they interact with persons from all segments of society.
- CHMN526** (2–3)  
*Conflict Management in the Church*  
This course offers biblical resources and contemporary research informing creative management of human conflict. Included is examination of the causes and dynamics of conflict in churches. Participants develop skills in resolution and mediation. A variety of instructional methods, including lectures, case studies, role-plays, media, and personal style instruments are employed.
- CHMN527** (2–3)  
*Church Leadership and Administration*  
Students will examine models of leadership within a theological understanding of the church. Character formation of the leader is emphasized. The course seeks to develop non-profit leadership competencies, understanding of leadership in a pluralistic and multi-cultural world, as well as the important administrative skills one needs to lead effectively.
- CHMN529** (2–3)  
*Church and Personal Finance*  
Financial structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Also personal finance of the minister.
- CHMN535** (2–3)  
*Issues in Black Church Leadership*  
Consideration of issues such as urbanization, nationalistic and separatist movements, changing family patterns, youth culture, Black/White relations, role and function of regional conferences, factors in church growth, Black theology.
- CHMN543** (3)  
*Christian Leadership in a Changing World*  
This course explores biblical and theological principles of Christian leadership, as well as organizational theory and systems thinking applicable to the church. It seeks to instill in students servant leadership qualities. Additionally, it facilitates growth in administrative areas such as strategic planning, managing change, finance, Christian education, and conflict management.
- CHMN575** (2–3)  
*Principles of Stewardship*  
Explores the foundations for stewardship as a Christian lifestyle and the principles which are needed in a stewardship ministry for the local church.
- CHMN630** (2–3)  
*Leadership Development*  
A study of leadership emergence, selection, and training in missionary churches with particular attention paid to strategic issues of various training models and the relationship between formal, informal, and non-formal leadership development. Identical to MSSN630.
- CHMN638** (2–3)  
*Seminar in Leadership*  
Emphases from topics such as social psychology of leadership, theological foundations of leadership and pastoral care, management and leadership, leadership styles, conflict management, and church polity and finance. Repeatable.
- CHMN643** (2–3)  
*Christian Professional Ethics*  
An inquiry into the field of professional relations, dilemmas, and decision making within the context of Christian ethics. Emphasis on the identity, activity, and influence (witness) of a Christian professional, primarily in the caring professions. Identical to THST643.
- Pastoral Care**
- CHMN503** (3)  
*Marriage, Family, and Interpersonal Relationships*  
Current issues in marriage and family are discussed, and available resources are explored. The dynamics of interpersonal relationships are examined and students are challenged to emulate Christ's example as they interact with persons from all segments of society.
- CHMN540** (2–3)  
*Church and Urban Community*  
Analysis of essential characteristics of urban life—diversity, secularity, anonymity, mobility. Study of specific urban issues such as racial conflict, inner-city poverty, middle-class alienation, and changing family patterns.
- CHMN545** (1–3)  
*Pastoral Ministries and Church Policy*  
Selected topics in the ministries of the pastor, (i.e., hospital

visitation, funeral, wedding, dedication of children, baptismal service, etc.), and the duties of the pastor in committee meetings. The practices and policies of the church as represented in *The Ministers Manual* and *The Church Manual*.

**CHMN546 (2-3)**

***Marriage and Family***

Examination and development of pastoral tools for pre-marriage and marriage counseling. Includes study of theological, psychological, and sociological principles and applications for the life cycle of the family.

**CHMN547 (2-3)**

***The Ministry of Healing***

An interdisciplinary study of the nature and function of ministry and medicine as they relate to the integration of the work of the healing agencies of the church and community with the traditional forms of pastoral ministry.

**CHMN548 (2-3)**

***Religion and the Black Experience***

An analysis of the psychological and sociological foundations of the Black religious experience, emerging patterns of change, and a consideration of models and strategies for responding to that change.

**CHMN550 (2-3)**

***Pastoral Psychology***

A specialized study of the psychological realm of human nature as manifested by science and written Divine revelation. Strongly recommended for all students planning a counseling sequence. A prerequisite for CHMN555 for all who have not had General or Introductory Psychology.

**CHMN 553 (2-3)**

***The Church and Social Issues***

This course explores the biblical and theological foundations for the church's moral and social engagement in the local community. It combines academic theory and praxis with a biblically-informed perspective on contemporary society, and equips students with the tools required for their responsible involvement in society as prophetic change agents.

**CHMN555 (2-3)**

***Pastoral Counseling***

Introduction to the processes and function of counseling as practiced by the helping professions, particularly of the pastor actively engaged in ministry to a congregation. A weekly lab experience for skills practice is required. Prerequisite: An undergraduate course in general psychology or CHMN550.

**CHMN557 (2-8)**

***Practicum in Clinical Pastoral Education***

Clinical experience in the pastoral care of persons in crisis at an approved CPE center. Prerequisite: CHMN555. Note: Crisis healthcare ministry experience for credit is also available in a Pastoral Care Residency. See CHMN659.

**CHMN567 (2-3)**

***Health Ministry***

A study of the Adventist health message in its contemporary expression and application in pastoral work and outreach.

**CHMN569 (2-3)**

***Chaplaincy Formation***

An introduction to the basics of institutional pastoral ministry with

a practicum in a local institution under chaplain supervision and in-class reflection on the practicum using discussion, verbatims, and small group principles. Experience in work site visitation on campus and in health-care institutions, emergency ministries, ministry to the sick and dying and their families, ministry to the staff.

**CHMN610 (2-3)**

***Teaching for Discipleship***

Practical teaching strategies based on current research in learning and human development, enhancing skills in planning seminars/learning events for church, community, and school. Curriculum development, instruction and assessment focused on transformation of behavior and values, taking into account the emphasis on teaching ministry in the Gospel Commission and Adventist Church. Same as RLED610.

**CHMN616 (2-3)**

***Spirituality in Ministry***

Explores topics such as spiritual values in the Adventist faith, the ministry of prayer, and spiritual direction, and others. Repeatable with different topics.

**CHMN618 (1)**

***The Practice of Spirituality***

Nurturing a personal relationship with God through involvement with various spiritual disciplines such as prayer, meditation, devotional reading, and journaling under the guidance of an instructor. Repeatable to 3 credits.

**CHMN620 (2-3)**

***Supervision in Ministry***

Training in the supervision of seminary students and ministerial interns in the practice of ministry. Emphasis on formation as well as education. Action-reflection methods utilized in instruction as models for supervision in person-to-person or small group settings.

**CHMN640 (2-3)**

***Seminar in Pastoral Counseling***

Application of principles and techniques to specific problem areas in pastoral care. Prerequisite: CHMN665 or its equivalent, or permission of instructor.

**CHMN641 (5-8)**

***Practicum in Military Chaplaincy***

Air Force, Army, or Navy Chaplain School courses, such as the Chaplain Candidate Course or Basic Chaplain Course and subsequent Seminary approved military chaplaincy training events.

**CHMN644 (2-3)**

***Seminar in Chaplaincy Ministries***

Studies in the nature of institutional chaplain ministries such as military, health-care, prison, and campus chaplaincies. Repeatable.

**CHMN645 (2-3)**

***Seminar in Marriage and Family Problems***

Open to advanced students in pastoral care. Individual research for seminar presentations and analysis of more complex and difficult problems faced by the pastor in the family context. A consideration of special techniques and counseling strategies in handling such problems in the pastoral role.

**CHMN646 (2-3)**

***Seminar in Specialized Ministries***

Principles of ministering to people in particular circumstances,

such as aging, physical disability, single parenting, delinquency, adoption, substance abuse, and dependency. Repeatable.

**CHMN647 (2-3)**  
***Christian Education in the African-American Church***

Explores the way African-Americans historically have conducted the task of grounding themselves and growing in the Word of God. The critical role church schools have played in the African-American community is examined.

**CHMN655 (2-3)**  
***Dynamic Group Strategies***

An examination of group-leadership interventions and techniques for specialized ministry in grief support, divorce support, smoking cessation, stress management, and other support groups within church, community, and campus settings.

**CHMN659 (1-4)**  
***Practicum in Pastoral Care and Counseling***

A skills course in techniques of pastoral visitation, counseling, and appraisal. Opportunity given for students to have direct counseling experience, with preparation and supervised examination of case reports and studies. Supervised experience at an approved Pastoral Care Residency site. Prerequisite: CHMN555.

**CHMN665 (2-3)**  
***Advanced Pastoral Counseling***

An intensive study of potential contributions of counseling to some of the more disturbing problems brought by members of a congregation to their pastors. Designed to enlarge the pastor's acquaintance with the therapeutic approaches of various referral agencies. Prerequisite: CHMN555 or its equivalent.

## Evangelism

**CHMN536 (2-3)**  
***Personal Evangelistic Ministry***

Creating and conducting Bible studies that effectively facilitate conversion. Students will reflect on the discipleship process. Practical instruction will be given for doing visitation, initiating spiritual conversations, applying coaching skills, leading people to life transformation, and helping individuals remove faith barriers for sustained decision-making and assimilation.

**CHMN539 (3)**  
***Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor***

An examination of church growth principles with a special emphasis on the role of the pastor as an equipper. A prerequisite for all NADEI courses. 3 credits required for the MDiv program.

**CHMN561 (2-3)**  
***Preparation for Public Evangelism***

Introduces principles and practices of public evangelism, including the task of planning the details of a public meeting. This is an optional course for those conducting their own meeting.

**CHMN562 (4-6)**  
***Field Evangelism***

Conducting a public evangelistic event with guidance, or participating in a field school of evangelism under the direction of an approved evangelist. Required: 4 credits in the NADEI program.

**CHMN563 (2-3)**  
***General Field Work***

Evangelistic and/or pastoral work done in the area churches and

surrounding communities. Repeatable. Offered in conjunction with NADEI. 2 credits required for the MDiv program.

**CHMN565 (2-3)**  
***Contemporary Denominations and Religious Groups***

History, practices, and distinctive beliefs of denominations and religious groups with whom the Seventh-day Adventist evangelist comes in contact.

**CHMN566 (2-3)**  
***Mobilizing Laity for the Ministry of Evangelism***

Examination of how an equipping pastor practically mobilizes the church for evangelistic ministry. This course builds on the foundation laid in the prerequisite course, CHMN539.

**CHMN586 (1-3)**  
***Specialized Approaches to Evangelism***

A study of one or more particular evangelistic strategies, such as small-group evangelism, felt-need ministries, and youth and university-campus evangelism. Repeatable.

**CHMN587 (2-3)**  
***Apologetics in Evangelism***

Designed to enhance one's skill in defending the claims of the Christian faith as it relates to various world religions and other systems of beliefs and philosophies including giving reasons for one's faith in order to persuade others to accept Christ.

**CHMN606 (2-3)**  
***Techniques in Church Planting***

Development of an awareness of the importance of church planting. Basic models and procedures for successful church-planting programs.

**CHMN612 (2-3)**  
***Urban Mission***

Explores the nature of cities, noting their history, development, and relationship to the mission of God and the church. Students are exposed to various ministries dealing with the hungry, homeless, battered, addicted, and the alienated. Identical to MSSN612.

**CHMN622 (2-3)**  
***Seminar in Personal Evangelism***

Research and presentations on various aspects of soul-winning in one-to-one or small-group encounters, including the development of new methods. This may involve formats, materials, audio-visuals, spiritual and psychological principles, decision seeking, problem solving, etc. Admission of non-doctoral students by permission of instructor.

**CHMN623 (2-3)**  
***Innovative Evangelism***

Seeks to stimulate new ideas for evangelizing population groups that may be difficult to reach with more traditional methods, as well as broadening the means by which people might be attracted to the gospel. This may involve a review of unique approaches that have been tried by others as well as the development of original plans by students.

**CHMN625 (2-3)**  
***Demographics and Urban Studies***

Methods of determining the characteristics of a particular community or target population, with a unique focus on large urban centers, for the purpose of selecting the most effective

evangelistic approaches. Includes the use of needs assessments and marketing surveys.

**CHMN635 (2–3)**  
***Broadcast Evangelism***

Studies church-evangelism strategy involving a locally produced radio program. Planning, preparation, production, and follow-up of short daily programs and spots are emphasized, applying biblical principles of persuasion; includes actual production experience in the studios of WAUS-FM, the university station.

**CHMN639 (2–3)**  
***Seminar in Evangelism***

Emphases from topics such as theology and history of evangelism and church growth, theory and research in church growth and member retention, evangelism and social alternative strategies for evangelism. Repeatable.

**CHMN656 (2–3)**  
***Holistic Small Groups***

Explores key principles of cell vision, values, dynamics, and structure of the fastest growing churches in the world. Includes discipling of new believers for ministry and leadership.

**CHMN667 (2–3)**  
***Health Evangelism***

The use of health and temperance programming in outreach to meet people's felt needs; to arouse interest in the broader physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of better living; and to assist those pursuing Adventist ideology to make appropriate lifestyle adjustments.

**CHMN669 (2–3)**  
***Advanced Cell Church & Planting***

Emphasizes penetrating your community through cell church evangelism, incorporating intergenerational, youth, and college cells. Attention given to developing leaders of leaders. Cell church planting through story boarding and time lines is included. Prerequisite: CHMN649 or permission of instructor.

## Communication

**CHMN570 (2–3)**  
***Perspectives in Communication***

A survey of communication principles and processes used in the accomplishment of the church's mission, including public relations, print media, news writing, advertising, community relations, exhibits, writing and recording for radio and television, audio-visual, and other communication tools.

## Sacred Music and Worship

**CHMN523 (2–3)**  
***Worship: Word and Music***

Explores the theology of worship and the interrelatedness of preaching, music, worship environment and other elements of corporate worship. Various worship styles and practices are considered and principles are presented that guide worship within local contexts.

**CHMN537 (2–3)**  
***Hymnology and Sacred Music***

The understanding and appreciation of the heritage and development of Christian hymn singing and church music repertoire, in their respective liturgical and theological contexts.

**CHMN578 (0.5–1)**  
***Voice and Hymn Singing***

Fundamental understanding of the voice as it relates to singing—includes breathing, tone quality, placement, and aspects of keeping the voice healthy. Seminary chorus participation required. Maximum 3 credits.

**CHMN588 (0.5)**  
***Seminary Chorus***

Choral studies and participation as a demonstration of evangelistic and church music values. Membership open to the public by the consent of the instructor. Maximum 3 credits.

**CHMN590 (2–3)**  
***Ministry of Music***

Selected topics in music ministry include church-music practicum: the administration and planning of a church-music program, the creation of liturgies, working with choirs, conducting, leading congregational singing; hymnology: the study of the historical, theological, and musical background and development of the Christian hymn.

**CHMN629 (2–3)**  
***Sacred Music in the African-American Tradition***

An examination of the historical role of music in African-American worship, and of the distinctive contributions African-American sacred music has made to Christian worship.

**CHMN654 (2–3)**  
***History and Theology in Adventist Worship***

A study of Adventist corporate worship in terms of the theological and historical issues that inform it. Principles for designing and leading Adventist worship are emphasized.

## Youth Studies and Ministry

**CHMN534 (2–3)**  
***Youth Ministry Leadership***

Designed to acquaint students with the opportunities for ministry to and with young people in the church, school and home. The biblical principles of youth ministry leadership, within the context of the church community, are given primary emphasis.

**CHMN608 (2–3)**  
***Youth in Contemporary Culture***

A study of current developments in youth culture and the influence of youth culture on young people both in the church and the community. Students formulate a strategic response relevant to Seventh-day Adventist ministry to youth.

**CHMN619 (2–3)**  
***Religious Experience in Adolescence***

A survey of the literature on the tasks of adolescence with particular emphasis on how this developmental stage impacts acceptance of or alienation from religion. An investigation into how adolescents develop and experience faith and the various influences—such as parents, peers, church, school, and media.

**CHMN626 (2–3)**  
***Ministry to At-Risk Youth***

This course addresses the theory, practice and application of helping skills to at-risk youth. Emphasis is placed on biblical solutions to real life secular problems. Students will experience and develop effective social skills to work with at-risk youth, focusing on prevention, redirection and restoration skills.

**CHMN636 (2-3)*****Seminar in Youth Ministry***

Formulation of a comprehensive ministry for a specific age group, culture, situation or approach (e.g. childhood, adolescence, young adult, African American, Hispanic, youth evangelism, visionary leadership). Repeatable. Prerequisite: CHMN534 or permission of professor.

**CHMN657 (2-3)*****Counseling Youth and Young Adults***

Application of counseling theories and techniques to counselees in their teens and twenties. Students engage in actual counseling experiences and submit reports for self and instructor critiques. Prerequisite: CHMN550 recommended for MDiv students.

**CHMN668 (2-3)*****Advanced Youth Ministry Leadership***

Application of biblical principles of youth ministry leadership to the concrete issues and settings of contemporary youth ministry. Treats topics such as: small groups for youth; sexuality and dating; music; programming. Prerequisite: CHMN534.

**Hispanic Ministries****CHMN514 (2-3)*****Public Evangelism (Hispanic)***

Evangelistic leadership. A study of basic principles underlying public evangelistic endeavor, and basic evangelistic procedures focused on the Hispanic-American population.

**CHMN525 (2-3)*****Hispanic-American Culture and Its Expressions***

Studies into the nature of the multifaceted North American Hispanic culture and its expressions.

**CHMN738 (2-3)*****Bilingual Ministry***

A study of the contextual needs of Hispanics born in the U.S., with emphasis on principles for retaining church members and reaching those not in the church.

**Individual Studies****CHMN690 (1-3)*****Independent Study***

See general guidelines under Academic Information.

**CHMN890 (1-6)*****Directed Reading***

Repeatable.

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**Courses (Credits)**

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**CHIS501 (2)*****Church History I***

Early church; rise of the papacy; great schism; crusades; medieval church to 1500. Intended for students without a college course in church history. CHIS501, 502, and 503 should be taken sequentially.

**CHIS502 (2)*****Church History II***

Continental Reformation and Counter Reformation; English Reformation; Elizabethan Settlement; English Puritanism. Intended for student without a college course in church history.

**CHIS503 (2)*****Church History III***

Enlightenment; pietism; Methodism; American denominationalism; Eastern Orthodoxy; and recent developments. Intended for students without a college course in church history.

**CHIS504 (3)*****Adventist Heritage***

History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the life and ministry of Ellen G. White. Intended for students without equivalent undergraduate course(s). Prerequisite to GSEM534 and CHIS674.

**CHIS567 (2, 3)*****Hispanic-American Church History***

The Christian Church in Hispanic North America, in the wider context of Spanish and Latin American church history since the 16th century.

**CHIS570 (2)*****History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church***

A topical approach with emphasis on source documents. Intended for students who did not take a college course in denominational history. Prerequisite: does not apply to MDiv requirement.

**CHIS600 (2-3)*****The Early Church to A.D. 604***

The message and mission of the church; experiences, attitudes, and practices of early Christians, selected for their usefulness to a modern pastor.