

MASTER OF ARTS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This degree prepares students for service in the various professional capacities of a Christian Education ministry, and provides the comprehensive background necessary for doctoral study. The Master of Arts in Christian Education employs a well-balanced curriculum covering both the theory and practice of Christian Education, and trains students in the essential elements of communication, teaching, and leadership, which are fundamental to a minister of Christian Education. The concept of a total-church program is emphasized with a philosophy flexible enough to meet the demands of both professional and lay workers in the church.

The objectives of the Master of Arts in Christian Education are to:

- Prepare students to oversee the Christian Education program of a local church or to serve as an educational specialist
- Prepare leaders for the educational process in the Bible institute ministry setting
- Develop a philosophy of Christian Education based upon solid biblical, theological, and educational foundations
- Equip students to mobilize and motivate lay persons to assist in the teaching ministry of the church
- Inform students of the latest trends, theories, and creative teaching methods in the field of Christian Education
- Assists the students in the integration of theory and practice to enhance effective evangelism and Christian nurture within the church
- Foster a distinctively Christian lifestyle that emphasizes a commitment to excellence and wholeness in every area of life

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or a college recognized by The Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
- Cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT) minimum score of 396 or Graduate Record Exam (GRE) minimum combined score of 900 for verbal and quantitative sections
- For those whose language of instruction was not English, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, 79-80 internet-based or the IELTS (minimum band score of 7.0), and submit a score within the past two years

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS [58 CREDIT HOURS]

- ORU Requirements (7 credit hours)
- Christian Education Studies (30 credit hours)
- Bible/Theology Cognate (21 credit hours)

ACCREDITATION

- Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)
- The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools

Detailed information is available at: www.gradtheology.oru.edu