

2026-2027

Master of Arts in Local Church Ministry

Competency-Based Theological Education -- Deploy Program



13 COMPETENCIES

This M.A. in Local Church Ministry program consists of 13 competencies. To earn this degree, you must complete each of the 13 competencies with either Mastery or Proficiency Completion (the equivalent of no lower than a final grade of B in a traditional academic model). The credit equivalencies for each competency are listed to the right of each competency.

DLC 5050		Deploy Orientation & Student Success (Required Prerequisite)	0
DLC 5100	DLC 5101	Embracing Sanctification(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 5102		
	DLC 5103		
DLC 5300	DLC 5301	Becoming a Mature Disciple(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 5302		
	DLC 5303		
DLC 5500	DLC 5501	Practicing Biblical Hermeneutics(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 5502		
	DLC 5503		
DLC 5600	DLC 5601	Understanding Healthy Churches(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 5602		
	DLC 5603		
DLC 5700	DLC 5701	Exercising Flexibility in Ministry(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 5702		
	DLC 5703		
DLC 5800	DLC 5801	Applying Biblical Exegesis(Modules 1-4)	4
	DLC 5802		
	DLC 5803		
	DLC 5804		
DLC 5900	DLC 5901	Articulating Biblical Theology(Modules 1-5)	5
	DLC 5902		
	DLC 5903		
	DLC 5904		
	DLC 5905		
DLC 6000	DLC 6001	Embodying the Love of God(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 6002		
	DLC 6003		
DLC 6100	DLC 6101	Embracing Cultural Diversity(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 6102		
	DLC 6103		
DLC 6200	DLC 6201	Articulating Personal Theology(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 6202		
	DLC 6203		
DLC 6300	DLC 6301	Resolving Leadership Conflict(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 6302		
	DLC 6303		
DLC 6400	DLC 6401	Communicating God's Truth(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 6402		
	DLC 6403		
DLC 6500	DLC 6501	Initiating Transformational Change(Modules 1-3)	3
	DLC 6502		
	DLC 6503		

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Every competency shown above has several competency modules or parts (e.g., DLC 5101, DLC 5102, etc). Students may register for the entire competency in a given semester (e.g., DLC 5100 which comes with all the parts DLC 5101, DLC 5102, and DLC 5103--3 credit equivalencies) or register for part of the competency (e.g., DLC 5100 with the goal of completing just the first part DLC 5101 -- 1 credit equivalency). Ultimately, you will complete 42 credit equivalencies, consistent with many other M.A. programs in seminary education. Earning this degree is based upon earning credits through mastering the competencies needed in ministry.

Complete all required competencies and earn your degree. Complete all required competencies with no more than one Proficient Completion grade and earn Honors Graduate distinction.

Students may not be enrolled simultaneously in both Deploy programs, the MA Local Church Ministry and MDiv General Ministry. Students may be able to change programs from the MA to the MDiv (or vice versa), but this cannot occur in the final semester of a student's program.