

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAJOR – B.S.**

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The overarching mission of the Department of Youth Ministry and Christian Education is to “enfold, encourage, equip and unleash collegians to accomplish great goals in God’s power.” The department is rooted in the values of prayer, vision, critical thinking, leadership and excellence.

The mission of the Christian Education major is “to equip students for leadership in the educational ministry of the Church.” Students who complete the Christian Education major will have developed a strong foundation for teaching and leadership in professional ministry and/or related graduate study.

The curriculum of the program affirms Christian Education as a distinctive field of scholarship with its own history, theoretical framework, and philosophical underpinnings. The Christian Education Major seeks to integrate biblical/theological principles with educational theory.

Students who successfully complete the Christian Education Major should be able to:

- Understand and communicate the biblical, historical, philosophical, psychological and theological foundations of Christian Education. Special emphasis will be placed on the Evangelical theology within this theoretical framework. **Theory**
- Understand educational and pedagogical theories and methodologies. **Method**
- Understand and integrate the principles and practices of personal, spiritual, organizational and professional leadership of Christ-like character in Christian Education Ministries and other positions of influence. **Leadership**
- Demonstrate proficiency in the use of sound, age-appropriate, and contextually relevant methods of teaching through mentored internships. **Praxis**
- Develop a theoretically coherent and biblically based holistic philosophy of Christian Education integrating theory, method, leadership, and praxis. **Integration**

126 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree:

<b>Core Component (54 credits)</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BIB 100 - Christian Foundations.....	2
BIB 102 - Old Testament Literature.....	3
BIB 201 - New Testament Literature.....	3
BIB 301,302 - Biblical Doctrine I and II.....	6
BIB 401 - Christian Worldview.....	3
INT 112 - Foundations for Excellence.....	2
ENG 111-112 - College Writing I and II.....	6
ENG 215 or 216 - Global Literature I or II.....	3
HIS 113,114 - History of World Civilization I and II.....	6
PHI 101 - Introduction to Philosophy.....	3

*Christian Education*

SOC 347 - Multicultural America ..... 3  
PMN 200 - Nyack Heritage ..... 1  
Fine Arts requirement ..... 3  
Laboratory Science elective ..... 4  
Mathematics elective ..... 3  
Social Science elective ..... 3

**Major Field Component (57 credits)**

BIB 331 - Hermeneutics ..... 3  
CED 201 - Foundations of Christian Education ..... 3  
CED 202 - Foundations of Teaching in the Church ..... 3  
CED 331 - Children’s Ministry Leadership ..... 3  
CED 333 - Introduction to Youth Ministry ..... 3  
CED 335 - Adult Ministry Leadership ..... 3  
CED 346 - Personal Spiritual Formation ..... 3  
CED 349 - Introduction to Family Ministries ..... 3  
CED 370 - History and Philosophy of Christian Education ..... 3  
CED 371,372 - Student Teaching I and II ..... 4  
CED 441 - Leadership & Administration or CED 444 - Equipping Leadership ..... 3  
CED 471 - Seminar and Practicum I ..... 3  
CED 472 - Seminar and Practicum II ..... 2  
PSY 101 - General Psychology ..... 3

CED Electives (concentration) ..... 15  
*(The CED electives may be any courses listed as CED or YMN. Also acceptable is any course that would complete a concentration under the Department of Youth Ministry and Christian Education. See concentrations listed below.)*

**Miscellaneous Elective Component (15 credits)**

Miscellaneous electives ..... 15

**Total credits required ..... 126**

**Concentrations**

While the CE degree, *as it stands*, prepares one well for future ministry, students may choose special concentrations. (For additional concentrations available to CE majors, see the Youth Ministry section.)

**Family Ministry**

CED/YMN 349 - An Introduction to Family Ministries ..... 3  
PMN 300 - Pastoral Counseling or PSY 349 - Family Counseling ..... 3  
CED 335 - Adult Ministries Leadership ..... 3  
CED 340 - Parent Ministries Leadership ..... 3  
CED 444 - Equipping Leadership ..... 3

**Children’s Ministry**

CED/YMN 349 - An Introduction to Family Ministries ..... 3  
PSY 246 - Child Psychology ..... 3  
CED 331 - Children’s Ministry Leadership ..... 3  
CED 444 - Equipping Leadership ..... 3  
CED 353 - The Exceptional Child or EDD 312 - Classroom Management ..... 3  
SOC 345 - American Youth Culture ..... 3

**Christian Education Major Suggested Program Plan**

**FIRST YEAR**

**Fall**

BIB 100-Christian Foundations ..... 2  
INT 112-Found. for Excellence ..... 2  
ENG 111-College Writing I..... 3  
HIS 113-Hist. Of World Civ. I..... 3  
CED 201-Found. of Christian Ed... 3  
PMN 200-Nyack Heritage..... 1

**Spring**

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit. ....3  
CED 202-Found. Teach. Church ....3  
ENG 112-College Writing II.....3  
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II .....3  
PSY 101-General Psychology.....3

**SECOND YEAR**

**Fall**

BIB 201-New Testament Lit. .... 3  
MAT-Math Elective ..... 3  
CED 331-Children's Min. Lead..... 3  
CED 333-Intro. to Youth Min. .... 3  
ENG 215 or 216-Global Lit. I or II 3  
Misc. Elective ..... 3

**Spring**

CED 335-Adult Min. Lead..... 3  
CED 349-Intro. to Family Min. ....3  
PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy .....3  
SCI-Laboratory Science .....4  
Fine Arts Requirement .....3

**THIRD YEAR**

**Fall**

BIB 301-Biblical Doctrine I..... 3  
BIB 331-Hermeneutics..... 3  
CED 371-Student Teaching I..... 3  
CED 441 or 444-Leadership Elec. . 3  
Social Science Elective..... 3

**Spring**

BIB 302-Biblical Doctrine II .....3  
CED 346-Personal Spirit. Form.....3  
CED 370-His & Phil of Christn Ed.3  
CED 372-Student Teaching II.....1  
CED Electives .....6

**FOURTH YEAR**

**Fall**

CED 471-Seminar and Pract. I..... 3  
SOC 347-Multicultural America.... 3  
CED Electives..... 6  
Misc. Electives..... 6

**Spring**

BIB 401-Christian Worldview .....3  
CED 472-Seminar and Pract. II .....2  
CED Electives .....3  
Misc. Electives .....6

**YOUTH MINISTRY MAJOR - B.S.**

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The mission of the Department of Youth Ministry and Christian Education is to “enfold, encourage, equip, and unleash collegians to accomplish great goals in God’s power.” The themes of prayer, excellence, and vision are important in every class and effort within the department. Skills in youth ministry leadership are taught that would be applicable not only in local church ministry but para-church organizations as well, especially Youth for Christ and Young Life. Field experience is an extremely important part of the program and the department receives numerous requests for students to minister on a part-time basis during the school year. Courses are taught with a view towards applicability in a variety of cultural, social, and geographic contexts.

Programs to enrich one’s youth ministry training experience are offered as well. For those interested in an urban youth ministry focus, the Nyack College Institute of Urban Youth Ministry Studies constitutes one modular urban youth ministry course offered each year.

We have a heart to instill a global vision for youth ministry. The department is informally linked with Moorelands College in England, and this linkage shows itself in a variety of ways. One is the Summer Youth Ministry Internship in England.

While the Youth Ministry degree, *as it stands*, prepares an individual for future ministry in the church, para-church, international, or non-government agency ministry environment, students may choose to further specialize their study. Concentrations offered are:

**Retreat and Wilderness Leadership Concentration** is helpful for any student interested in ministry with youth missions organizations, traditional camping ministries, or with at-risk youth in wilderness challenge ministries.

**Media and Technology.** As the “emergent church” movement grows, youth workers are being called upon to give leadership in media and technology not only in youth ministry, but the entire church.

**Adolescent Social Welfare.** Focus is on those interested in helping youth and families through social service agency/no for profit/non-governmental agency work.

**Family Ministry.** The position of “Family Ministries Pastor” is becoming more common. Some youth ministries are expanding their scope to include family ministry as well.

**Youth Worship.** Concentration to begin Fall 2005.

(For additional concentrations available to Youth Ministry majors, see Christian Education section.)

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BIB 100 - Christian Foundations.....	2	
BIB 102 - Old Testament Literature.....	3	
BIB 201 - New Testament Literature.....	3	
BIB 301,302 - Biblical Doctrine I and II.....	6	
BIB 401 - Christian Worldview .....	3	
INT 112 - Foundations for Excellence .....	2	
ENG 111-112 - College Writing I and II .....	6	
ENG 215 or 216 - Global Literature I or II .....	3	
HIS 113,114 - History of World Civilization I and II.....	6	
PHI 101 - Introduction to Philosophy .....	3	
SOC 347 - Multicultural America .....	3	
PMN 200 - Nyack Heritage.....	1	
Fine Arts requirement .....	3	
Science elective.....	4	Laboratory
Mathematics elective .....	3	
Social Science elective.....	3	
 <b>Major Field Component (55 credits)</b>		
BIB 365 - Romans .....	3	
CED 202 - Foundations of Teaching in the Church.....	3	
CED 334 - Teaching the Bible .....	3	
CED 346 - Personal Spiritual Formation .....	3	
CED/YMN 371,372 - Student Teaching I and II.....	4	
CED 441 - Leadership and Administration <u>or</u> CED 444 - Equipping Leadership.....	3	
CED/YMN 471,472 - Seminar and Practicum in Youth Ministry .....	5	

*Youth Ministry*

CED/YMN-Electives .....	4
CSC 242 - Webpage Design .....	3
PMN 311-312 - Introductory and Applied Homiletics .....	6
PSY 101 - General Psychology .....	3
SOC 345 - American Youth Cultures .....	3
YMN 332 - Counseling Adolescents .....	3
YMN 333 - Introduction to Youth Ministry .....	3
YMN 336 - Youth Outreach.....	3
YMN 434 - Advanced Youth Ministry .....	3
<b>Miscellaneous Elective Component (17 credits)</b>	
Miscellaneous electives .....	17
Recommended:	
CED 340 - Parent Ministries Leadership	
CED 243 - Sociology of Adolescence	
YMN 334 - Para Church Youth Ministry	
YMN 355 - Leadership in Retreat and Camping Ministries	
YMN 342 - Small Groups in Youth Ministry	
<b>Total credits required.....</b>	<b>126</b>

**Concentration**

Youth Ministry majors may elect to specialize in one of several concentrations.

**Retreat and Wilderness Leadership (15 credits)**

YMN 342-Small Groups in Youth Ministry.....3  
YMN 355-Retreat and Camping Ministries .....3

Offered in May Term at Sacandaga Bible Conference in New York Adirondacks:

YMN 321-Extreme Skills or YMN 322-High Altitude Challenge .....3  
YMN 323-Emergency Rescue.....3  
YMN 324-Camp Programming .....3

**Adolescent Social Welfare Concentration (15 credits)**

SOC 241-The Family or CED 340-Parent Ministries Leadership .....3  
SOC 243-Adolescent Sociology .....3  
YMN 332-Counseling Youth .....3  
YMN 339-Introduction to Adolescent Social Welfare .....3  
YMN 360-At Risk Youth and Gangs .....3

**Media and Technology Concentration (15 credits)**

COM 236-Basic Audio Production .....3  
COM 348-Film/TV Production .....3  
CSC 242-Webpage Design.....3  
CSC 243-Computer Arts .....3  
CSC 245-Computer Graphics and Animation .....3

**Family Ministry Concentration (15 credits)**

CED 335-Adult Ministries Leadership.....3  
CED 340-Parent Ministries Leadership.....3  
CED/YMN 349-An Introduction to Family Ministry.....3  
CED 444-Equipping Leadership .....3  
PMN 300-Pastoral Counseling or PSY 349-Family Counseling.....3

## Youth Ministry Major Suggested Program Plan

### FIRST YEAR

#### Fall

BIB 100-Christian Foundations.....	2
YMN 333-Intro. to Youth Min. ....	3
INT 112-Found. for Excellence.....	2
ENG 111-College Writing I .....	3
HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I.....	3
PMN 200-Nyack Heritage .....	1

#### Spring

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit.....	3
CED 202-Found. Teach. Church....	3
ENG 112-College Writing II.....	3
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II.....	3
Social Science Elective.....	3

### SECOND YEAR

#### Fall

BIB 201-New Testament Lit. ....	3
CED 344-Teaching the Bible .....	3
ENG 215 or 216-Global Lit. I or II	3
Fine Arts requirement .....	3
MAT-Math Elective.....	3

#### Spring

PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy .....	3
PSY 101-General Psychology .....	3
SCI-Laboratory Science .....	4
CED/YMN-Elective .....	2
Electives .....	4

### THIRD YEAR

#### Fall

BIB 301-Biblical Doctrine I .....	3
BIB 365-Romans .....	3
YMN 336-Youth Outreach.....	3
YMN 371-Student Teaching .....	3
SOC 347-Multicultural America ....	3
YMN 332-Counseling Adol. ....	3

#### Spring

BIB 302-Biblical Doctrine II.....	3
CED 346-Personal Spirit. Form. ...	3
CED/YMN 372-Student Teaching. 1	1
SOC 345-Amer. Youth Culture.....	3
Electives .....	6

### FOURTH YEAR

#### Fall

CED 441-Leadership & Admin.....	3
YMN 471-Seminar and Pract. ....	3
CSC 242-Webpage Design.....	3
PMN 311-Intro. Homiletics.....	3
CED/YMN-Elective .....	1
Electives .....	2

#### Spring

BIB 401-Christian Worldview .....	3
YMN 434-Adv. Youth Min. ....	3
CED/YMN 472-Seminar and Pract.2	2
PMN 312-Applied Homiletics .....	3
CED/YMN-Elective .....	1
Electives .....	5