The M.P.S. is a 48-credit program that focuses on training for persons in ministry. The curriculum offers broad flexibility in consultation with the faculty advisor. The program offers several professional development tracks: African-American Ministries, Church Development, Counseling, Chinese Ministries, Hispanic Ministries, Korean Ministries, and Urban Ministries. There are specified requirements for Counseling and Mission (PR only) tracks at the Puerto Rico campus, with designated course-work for each. Overall, the assessment program remains the same for all campuses. The professional development tracks are not intended to furnish the student with technical expertise for purposes of professional employment, certification, or licensure, but rather to provide training for enhancing one’s ministry focus in the local church setting.

**Purpose**

The Master of Professional Studies degree is designed to produce whole people for specific leadership in Christian service, whether in their own or in another culture, by bringing into dialogue the various dimensions of theological education. These dimensions are (1) church and academy, (2) theology and social science inquiry, (3) the biblical world and the contemporary world, (4) classroom and experience, (5) character and competence, and (6) wisdom and skill.

**Student Learning Goals**

1. Students will lay a foundation for ongoing spiritual formation including personal development, moral integrity, and spiritual maturity.
2. Students will gain knowledge and be able to apply methodology in biblical studies, theology and cultural understandings.
3. Students will gain an appreciation of the relational nature of ministry through the experience of being mentored and mentoring others, and through learning and practicing interpersonal ministry skills.
4. Students will be able to understand and practice integration of the personal, theological, and practical components of holistic ministry.
5. Students will gain ministry skills for specific leadership in Christian service, and will be able to demonstrate competency in classroom and internship environments.
Program Assessment Plan

The following assessments are used to assess program effectiveness.

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General Prerequisites
1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
2. A minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Degree Requirements
1. Passing grade of 85% on the Bible Tutor Proficiency Exam within the first two semesters of the program (except Puerto Rico campus, see Bible Tutor Program, page 58).
2. Satisfactory completion of 48 credit hours as prescribed.
3. Successful completion of an approved Field Education experience.
4. A minimum grade point average of 2.5.

Master of Professional Studies – Christian Ministry
(Rockland and Puerto Rico Campuses only)
Professional Development Tracks offered include Church Development, Counseling, Chinese Ministries (Rockland), Korean Ministries (Rockland), and Missions (Puerto Rico)

First Year
OT 503  Reading the Old Testament ................................................................. 3
(SUB: OT 504 Hebrew Bible & Eastern Mediterranean World)*
SF 503  Initiation in Spiritual Formation .................................................. 3
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TH 502  Theology in the Global Context ....................................................... 3
NT 503  Reading the New Testament .............................................................. 3
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Second Year
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TH 501 Biblical Theology ...........................................................................3
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*Substitutions are approved only for those with documented coursework in the respective subject at the undergraduate level.

Master of Professional Studies – Urban Ministries (Manhattan Campus)

Professional Development Tracks offered include African-American Ministries, Church Development, Counseling, Hispanic Ministries, and Urban Ministries

First Year
SF 505 Hermeneutics...............................................................................3
OT 503 Reading the Old Testament .........................................................3
(SUB: OT 504 Hebrew Bible & Eastern Mediterranean World)*
SF 503 Initiation in Spiritual Formation..................................................3
TH 601 Systematic Theology I: God & Humanity ...................................3
NT 503 Reading the New Testament........................................................3
(SUB: NT 504 Greek Bible & Western Mediterranean World)*
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Second Year
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