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SUPERVISED MINISTRY PRACTICUM

PURPOSE

The Supervised Ministry Practicum helps graduate students grow as ministers of the gospel through supervised ministry experience, practical instruction, mentorship, and theological reflection.

Through the practicum, students grow in:

- Spiritual maturity
- Vocational discernment
- Ministry competence

REQUIREMENT

The practicum is required for students in the master's program.

Students must complete:

- **10 hours per week** of approved ministry service
- **64 total weeks** of supervised ministry experience
- Practicum participation from the **first through fourth semester**
- Ministry service in a site approved by the **Graduate Studies Advisor**

APPROVED MINISTRY SETTINGS

Most students will complete the practicum in a local church. Other approved ministry settings may include:

- Christian ministry organizations
- Chaplaincy settings
- Campus ministries
- Other ministry contexts approved by the Graduate Studies Advisor

The ministry site must provide meaningful, hands-on ministry experience aligned with the student's program of study.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Practicum experiences may include:

- Preaching and teaching Scripture
- Pastoral care and counsel
- Worship planning and leadership
- Discipleship and spiritual formation
- Evangelism and missions
- Ministry administration

MINISTRY MENTOR

Each student must serve under an approved ministry mentor, normally on-site.

The mentor should be able to provide:

- Pastoral wisdom
- Ministry guidance
- Personal investment
- Feedback and encouragement
- Support in the student's ministry formation

The mentor serves as a model, teacher, facilitator, coach, and encourager.

MENTOR MEETINGS

Students should meet with their ministry mentor at least once per term.

These meetings should include:

- Reflection on ministry experiences
- Discussion of spiritual and vocational growth
- Feedback on ministry development
- Goal setting for continued learning and formation

QUESTIONS

Students should contact the **Graduate Studies Advisor** or **program assistant** with questions about practicum requirements, site approval, mentor approval, or completion expectations.