



Eastern Carolina Christian College & Seminary

Programs of Study

Associate of Arts in Theology

Program Learning Outcomes:

The educational goals of the Associate of Arts degree in Theology, the graduate should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and competence in Old Testament and New Testament. Demonstrate skills in critical thinking;
2. Identify and understand basic biblical doctrines and history;
3. Be able to communicate biblical truth.
4. Demonstrate basic communication skills and readiness for upper division courses;
5. Demonstrate involvement in local ministries, spiritual disciplines, and devotional practices; and
6. Demonstrate the importance of the Biblical worldview in general studies. Associate of Arts (A.A.)

The Associate of Arts degree is awarded to students who have completed a minimum of sixty (60) credit hours of study or its equivalent in biblical theology. This degree usually marks the halfway point to the baccalaureate degree from a university or college.

Bachelor/Undergraduate

The bachelor program offers 1 or 2 classes per 8-week period with (2) 8-week periods within a semester. Classes are held Independent Study or Saturday's at the Main Campus and a total of 2 or 4 classes in a semester.

Bachelor of Arts in Theology

ECCC&S a non-traditional commuter institution integrates faith and learning through a modality conducive to the adult learner. ECCC&S courses are 3-credit hours which equate to 40 contact hours either through face-to-face contact or outside classroom activities.

Undergraduate learners meet on Saturday at the Main Campus from 8a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Independent Study.

Each program must include four elements:

- A major of not less than 33 semester hours in Biblical Studies.
- A basic core in the arts and sciences of not less than 36 hours, which must include fine arts, mathematics, and the social sciences.
- Nine hours in Ministry courses.
- Twenty-two hours in a selected minor.

This includes that the graduating student shall:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and competence in Old Testament and New Testament.
2. Be able to communicate biblical truth.
3. Have knowledge of diverse types of leadership styles and how to move between them in situations.
4. Be familiar with basic counseling concepts, methods and practices.
5. Be a competent user of the computer as a tool to church work.
6. Have knowledge of the social impact in the religious world and the impact of religion in the secular world.
7. Be able to establish a religious deity within a setting outside of the religious world.

The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded to students who have completed 123 credit hours of study.

Graduate

Eastern Carolina Christian College & Seminary offers two graduate level degrees. One in Master Religious Education (MRE) or Master of Divinity (MDiv.). Students that participate in these programs will be on an accelerated pace completing two classes, every eight weeks. Graduate learners meet on Saturday at the Main Campus from 8a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Independent Study.

Master of Religious Education

The Master of Religious Education (MRE) is a professional degree for those who want to prepare for service in the church as a Director of Christian Education, Director of Program Ministries, Director of Youth or Children's Ministry, and other ministries related to religious education. It also serves others who wish to strengthen their skills and knowledge in religious

education through the study of major sources of biblical, theological, historical, ethical, and cultural studies and the integration of those studies into the ministry of education.

Program Description

The Master of Religious Education (MRE) is offered with a specialization in: **Pastoral Care**. This program requires a total of thirty-six (36) semester hours of graduate study as described in Program Requirements below.

The program will be taught in a non-traditional instruction format. Each course is 8 weeks (2 classes each semester) and outside work will focus on individual learning for an estimated 10 hours a week.

Program Learning Outcomes

The educational goals of the **Pastoral Care** track of the MRE program:

1. The learner will analyze the history, teachings, and the theoretical concepts pertaining to the teachings of the Old Testament and New Testament.
2. The learner will be able to plan, create, and/or design effective approaches to communication of the gospel through worship, evangelism, education, and ministry within the church.
3. The learner will be able to compare the teachings and beliefs of the non-Christian to the Christian in America.
4. The learner will gain training while applying theory, concepts, and practical applications to resolve problems related to ministry.
5. The learner will apply counseling theories to resolve the sociological and psychological needs in ministry.

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

The Master of Divinity degree is designed to equip persons for competent leadership in Christian Ministry to serve congregational ministries and other religious institutions. This program focuses on leadership in the practice of ministry, particularly in the African American Church.

Students enrolled in the Master of Divinity Program (54-57 hours) focus on four specific aspects of the practice of ministry:

- **Christian Heritage:** Student will develop an understanding of the scriptural, historical, and theological traditions of Christian traditions and of the broader community of faith.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Students will develop a consciousness about and a capacity to reflect critically on issues of diversity, globalization, and cross-cultural concerns.

- **Ministerial Identify:** Students will reflection on how their unique personalities, backgrounds, gifts and abilities relate to the minister as leader, guide, and servant of the faith community.
- **Leadership:** Students will develop skills in creating programs and demonstrating ministerial and public leadership.

Doctor of Ministry Program

See information on ECCC&S website at: www.ecccsedu.com (or) email Dr. Brown at: jdbrown@ecccsedu.com

