



The EQUIP Network Partnership: MA in Christian Ministry (Mentored)

Info:

49 credit hours; up to 24 of the total hours can be completed through EQUIP courses.

This degree equips students to serve on the staff of a local church or another ministry organization in non-senior pastoral roles. It is comprised of the vocational MA Core plus 12 hours of EQUIP selectives. The 12 hours of selective courses **MUST** be completed as EQUIP courses taken in an approved EQUIP church or ministry organization. All remaining hours may be taken in the distance learning format of the partner's choosing (online, accelerated 8-week course, hybrid, live, etc.).

Introductory Courses:

- SEM5000 – Intro to Seminary (1 semester hour)
- GEN0000 – Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Training (0 semester hours)

MA CORE Courses via Distance Learning:

- OTS5110 & OTS5120 – Old Testament 1 & 2 (6 semester hours)
- NTS5110 & NTS5120 – New Testament 1 & 2 (6 semester hours)
- THE6110 & 6120 – Theology 1 & 2 (6 semester hours)
- ETH5100 or PHI5100 – Intro to Ethics OR Intro to Philosophy (3 semester hours)
- HIS5110 – Baptist History (3 semester hours)

MA CORE Courses via Distance Learning OR Equip:

- PRS6100 – Bible Exposition I (3 semester hours)
- OR CED6300 – Bible Expo for Ministry to Women I (only available in DL format)
- EVA6610 – Personal Discipleship & Disciple-Making (3 semester hours)
- MIS5000 – Intro to Great Commission (3 semester hours)

Practicum Selective (Choose one of the following courses:

- MIS 6901 - Missions Practicum** (3 semester hours)
- MIS 6990 - Practicum in International Missions: [Location of trip]** (3 semester hours)
- MIS 6991 - Practicum in North American Missions: [Location of trip]** (3 semester hours)
- PMN 7900 - Mentored Internship* (Students may take up to 6 hrs of PMN7900 in this degree program)

**Special permission and certain requirements are needed

Taylors First Baptist Church: MA Christian Ministry (Mentored) 2-year Course Sequence

Fall 2025

SEM5000 — Intro to Seminary

OTS5110 — Old Testament I

MIS5101 — Christian Missions (Equip)

PMN7900 —Mentored Internship

Winter 2026

HIS5130 — Baptist History

Spring 2026

OTS5120 — Old Testament II

BTI5100 — Hermeneutics

PMN6501 — Pastoral Ministry and Leadership (Equip)

Summer 2026

ETH5100 — Intro to Ethics

PMN6721 — Practicum in Administration and Education in the Local Church (Equip)

Fall 2026

NTS51100 — New Testament I

THE6110 — Theology I

PRS6101 — Bible Exposition I (Equip)

Spring 2027

NTS5120 — New Testament II

THE6120 — Theology II

PRS6501 —Bible Exposition II

Summer 2027

EVAXXX — Evangelism and Discipleship (Equip)

PMN7900 — Mentored Internship

More on EQUIP Courses:

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary believes that some theological education is best done in partnership with the local church. The EQUIP Network empowers churches and ministry organizations to offer accredited and accessible courses to students at the highest level of theological training. The EQUIP Network weaves the seminary experience with real life ministry opportunities to provide students with the most integrative ministry training available through two types of courses:

PMN7900: Mentored Internship Courses

Field Mentors who possess a ministry-related master's degree and have significant ministry experience are eligible to lead these courses. The Mentored Internship courses enable students to gain practical ministry experience in various areas of ministry under the supervision of a Field Mentor. The Field Mentor and student work together to develop a "personalized" ministry experience, while allowing students to earn up to 9 credit hours towards a degree program.

- 14 hours of mentorship meetings over the course of the semester (12 weeks minimum)
- 4 hours of ministry each week
- 12 pages of writing assignments
- 800 pages of reading

All Other EQUIP Courses: EQUIP Practicums

Practicums are the field-based equivalent to courses offered on campus. Field Instructors who hold an advanced degree (Ph.D., D.Min., Ed.D., Th.M.) and have significant ministry experience are eligible to lead practicum courses. Instructors have the opportunity to equip students through a combination of classroom instruction, ministry-related experiences, and mentoring relationships. EQUIP provides Field Instructors with customizable syllabus templates for each course that allows them to utilize their own ministry experience to produce a robust training opportunity for their students.

- 24 hours of classroom meetings over the course of the semester
- 14 hours of related practical experiences
- 12 pages of writing assignments
- 900 pages of reading

FAQ

How much do courses cost?

All Distance Learning courses and EQUIP courses cost the normal rate of tuition:

- Southern Baptist Rate: \$316 per credit hour + Student Enrollment Fee
- Standard Tuition Rate: \$633 per credit hour + Student Enrollment Fee

What are the different formats in which courses can be taken?

As indicated in the previous section, certain courses can be taken in a few different formats:

- ONL: Traditional online course
- ONL8: Accelerated, 8-week online course
- HYBR: Hybrid courses that take the best of an online course and combine it with one weekend on-campus
- EQUIP: Mentored internships and practicums
- LIVE: Live sections that meet synchronously online at certain predetermined timeslots
- IO: Interactive online classes are online classes with a weekly virtual meeting

Can non-credit seeking students participate in EQUIP courses?

Absolutely! We encourage pastors to identify opportunities that allow their people to be exposed to courses regardless of their desire to earn academic credit.