

2019-2020

M.A. Local Church Ministry

Competency-Based Theological Education -- Deploy Program



15 COMPETENCIES

This M.A. in Local Church Ministry program consists of 15 competencies. To earn this degree, you must complete each of the 15 competencies with either Mastery or Proficiency Completion (the equivalent of no lower than a final grade of B in a traditional academic model). The credit equivalencies for each competency are listed to the right of each competency.

DLC 5100	Embracing Sanctification	3
DLC 5200	Thinking Critically in Ministry	2
DLC 5300	Becoming a Mature Disciple	3
DLC 5400	Research & Writing	1
DLC 5500	Practicing Biblical Hermeneutics	3
DLC 5600	Understanding Biblically Healthy Churches	3
DLC 5700	Exercising Flexibility in Ministry	3
DLC 5800	Applying Biblical Exegesis	3
DLC 5900	Articulating Biblical Theology	3
DLC 6000	Embodying the Love of God	3
DLC 6100	Embracing Cultural Diversity	3
DLC 6200	Articulating Personal Theology	3
DLC 6300	Resolving Leadership Conflict	3
DLC 6400	Communicating God's Truth	3
DLC 6500	Initiating Transformational Change	3

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Every competency shown above has several competency modules or parts (e.g., DLC 5101, DLC 5102, etc). Students may register for the entire competency in a given semester (e.g., DLC 5100 which comes with all the parts DLC 5101, DLC 5102, and DLC 5103--3 credit equivalencies) or register for part of the competency (e.g., DLC 5100 with the goal of completing just the first part DLC 5101 -- 1 credit equivalency). Ultimately, you will complete 42 credit equivalencies, consistent with many other M.A. programs in seminary education. But again, earning this degree is not based upon earning credits, but upon your mastery of the competencies needed in ministry. Complete all 15 and earn your degree. Complete all 15 with no more than one Proficient Completion grade and earn Honors Graduate distinction.

Students may not be enrolled simultaneously in both Deploy programs, the MA Local Church Ministry and MDiv General Ministry. Students may be able to change programs from the MA to the MDiv (or vice versa), but this cannot occur in the final semester of a student's program.