2019-2020
M.Div. General Ministry
Competency-Based Theological Education -- Deploy Program

18 COMPETENCIES

This M.Div. in General Ministry program consists of 18 competencies. To earn this degree, you must complete each of the 18 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.

- DGM 5100 Embracing Sanctification 3
- DGM 5200 Thinking Critically in Ministry 2
- DGM 5300 Becoming a Mature Disciple 3
- DGM 5400 Research & Writing 1
- DGM 5500 Practicing Biblical Hermeneutics 3
- DGM 5600 Understanding Biblically Healthy Churches 3
- DGM 5700 Exercising Flexibility in Ministry 3
- DGM 5800 Applying Biblical Exegesis 14
- DGM 5900 Articulating Biblical Theology 10
- DGM 6000 Utilizing Biblical Languages 18
- DGM 6100 Applying Foundational Doctrines 6
- DGM 6200 Understanding the Development of Doctrine 3
- DGM 6300 Embodying the Love of God 3
- DGM 6400 Embracing Cultural Diversity 3
- DGM 6500 Articulating Personal Theology 3
- DGM 6600 Resolving Leadership Conflict 3
- DGM 6700 Communicating God’s Truth 6
- DGM 6800 Initiating Transformational Change 3

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Every competency shown above has several competency modules or parts (e.g., DGM 5101, DGM 5102, etc). Students may register for the entire competency in a given semester (e.g., DGM 5100 which comes with all the parts DGM 5101, DGM 5102, and DGM 5103−3 credit equivalencies) or register for part of the competency (e.g., DGM 5100 with the goal of completing just the first part DGM 5101 – 1 credit equivalency). Ultimately, you will complete 90 credit equivalencies, consistent with many other M.Div. 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 18 and earn your degree. Complete all 18 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.