Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry Curriculum Chart

Two-Year Program, All Pathways (RL, DL, and CL)

Beginning Fall Semester 2025

	Fall Semester (15 weeks)	January Interim (4 weeks)	Spring Semester (15 Weeks)
Year 1	New Testament Letters [BI-2, 3 cr] Global Church History & Mission 1 [HT-1, 3 cr] Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds [IN-1, 2 cr] Diaconal Ministry Seminar 1 [DM-1, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 1 [IN-7.1, 0.5 cr] Elective or Specialization Elective** [1 cr] {=10.5 credits minimum}	Cross-Cultural Immersion [IN-8.1] Or Diaconal Ministry-Specific Course {=2 credits}	New Testament Narratives [BI-1, 3 cr] Systematic Theology [HT-2, 3 cr] Formation for Discipleship [IN-2, 2 cr] Spiritual Practices 2 [IN-7.2, 0.5 cr] Elective or Specialization Elective** [2 cr] {=10.5 credits minimum}
Summer 1	See Contextual Education Requirement below		
Year 2	Hebrew Bible 1 [BI-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Confessions [HT-3, 3 cr] Lutheran Ethics [HT-5, 3 cr] Boundaries [IN-3b, 1 cr] Spiritual Practices 3 [IN-7.3, 0.5 cr] {=10.5 credits]	Diaconal Ministry-Specific Course [Or could Be research for the integrative seminar project] Or Cross-Cultural Immersion [IN-8.1] {=2 credits}	Hebrew Bible 2 [BI-4, 3 cr] MADM Integrative Capstone Project [DM-4, 3 cr] Reading/Leading in Context [IN-6, 3 cr] Spiritual Practices 4 [IN-7.4, 0.5 cr] Elective or Specialization Elective** [1 cr] {=10.5 credits minimum}
Summer 2	See Contextual Education Requirement below		

****Specialization Electives** could include: worship, preaching, and pastoral care, or coursework toward the mission development/redevelopment, rural ministry, youth and family ministry, or Hispanic ministry concentrations.

Contextual Education Requirement – In addition to the course requirements illustrated above, the MA in Diaconal Ministry degree has two additional contextual education ministry requirements:

1) A unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) – normally completed in Summer 1 (or Summer 2 if needed); and
2) A six-month deacon internship in a pastoral setting – begins concurrently with coursework or in summer. (NOTE: The Boundaries course, normally Fall in Year 2, should be completed before starting your deacon internship; adjust to be completed earlier in program as needed.)

Neither contextual education registration is charged tuition.

Degree Total = Minimum of 64 semester hours.