

## **Master of Divinity Program Learning Outcomes**

The Master of Divinity core curriculum is designed to enable the student to:

### **Bible**

- Demonstrate general historical, exegetical, and interpretive competencies with scriptural texts.
- Utilize Lutheran hermeneutical perspectives for proclamation in teaching, preaching, liturgy, and ministry practice.

### **History**

- Recall central historical moments and emphases in Church history.
- Interpret the Lutheran movement in relationship to broader Church history.

### **Theology**

- Frame central Lutheran theological methods and commitments (from historical perspectives) in a systematic and critically reflective way.
- Teach, preach, prepare liturgy, and practice ministry rooted in Lutheran theological emphases.

### **Integration**

- Demonstrate personal spiritual practices rooted in communal formation.
- Integrate intellectual, vocational, and spiritual knowledge with the lived experience of Church leadership.

### **Disposition**

- Demonstrate capacity to develop healthy relationships with colleagues, congregants, community members, and those in authority.
- Exhibit “self-awareness, self-regulation, social skills, empathy, motivation,” and self-care.

### **Ministry Languages**

- Apply a biblical language to the preparation of teaching and preaching.

*And if applicable*

- Demonstrate developing proficiency in a ministry language in worship leadership.

**Arts of Ministry**

- Proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ publicly in teaching, preaching, worship, and community events.
- Responds to the needs of people with compassion and care.
- Provide leadership in response to issues of need and justice in the community.

**Ethics and Cultures**

- Engage Lutheran teaching with contextual situations in ministry.
- Demonstrate developing cultural competence and exegesis in ministry settings.