

THE PROCESS OF MENTORED MINISTRY

Before beginning your *field work* with Mentored Ministry you must be sure to do the following:

Take the pre-requisite for Mentored Ministry:

You must enroll in the [MC501-Spiritual Formation for Ministry](#) course prior to or concurrent with your first field unit - usually MM502 or EM/MM502. Educational Ministries students may substitute this course with either EM500-Foundations of Educational Ministries or EM604-The Teacher and the Teaching Task.

Take MM501 (or EM/MM501) - The MM Orientation Unit.* This unit is strongly recommended to be taken the first semester on campus, and indeed most students do so. This first unit is meant to give you time to find a home church/MM situation as well as prepare you philosophically and practically for your on-site MM. It consists of 5 lunch meetings during the semester or (2 weekend meetings if you are taking MM502 at the same time).

[*If you have done any field units via Semlink, then you have the option of taking this orientation unit or another field unit for your first unit on campus. Speak with the Mentored Ministry Office regarding your individual situation.]

To Arrange for Your Mentored Ministry on the Field:

1. Site/Project Selection. A significant range of ministry experiences are acceptable to the MM Department—from your home church, to nearby congregations, to para-church ministries, summer projects and overseas. Many kinds of ministry roles are acceptable, except for primarily administrative ones. Remember that each unit must be at least 12 weeks long at a minimum of 10 hours per week.

Ministry work with a church or para-church organization would normally be approved - except for primarily administrative roles. If you have questions about the acceptability of a given ministry situation or task we encourage you to contact the MM Office and ask.

2. Mentor Approval. Once you have selected your ministry situation make sure that your selected mentor is approved and on file with the Mentored Ministry Department. Minimum requirements for mentors are **five years of full-time ministry experience** and subsequent one-time attendance at our New Mentor Orientation. If your mentor has mentored GCTS students before, it's likely that they are already approved, so check with the MM Office to find out for sure. If they are not, please use this [Application to Mentor](#) to have them apply. The MM Office will then work with them to arrange for their subsequent training and orientation.
3. Register for MM. Register for Mentored Ministry at the same time and way you register for your other courses. New students register at the Registration Fair at the beginning of the semester. You must register at *both* the Mentored Ministry and the Registration stations. All subsequent registration for MM units will be able to be done online. *But please don't forget to register for each unit!*

Normal start-up times for MM are Fall (Sept.-Dec.), Spring (Jan.-April) and Summer (May/June-August). Any off-schedule Mentored Ministry is by permission only.