

It is strongly recommended that students apply for the waiver during their first year, after arriving on campus.

GCTS Mentored Ministry Unit Waiver Policy*

(Hamilton campus only)

“One unit of Mentored Ministry may be waived per calendar year of previous full-time ministry prior to matriculation.”

Qualifications & Procedure:

The value of field experience during a student’s seminary career at GCTS is considered a vital part of their education and preparation for ministry. This is in keeping with the seminary’s philosophy regarding the necessity of integration of practical experience with a student’s ongoing theological learning.

However, the seminary does wish to recognize significant previous professional ministry experience if done *full-time (no less than 40 hours per week) for a calendar year or more, prior to matriculation*. Qualifying experience(s) are not required to be paid full-time positions. However your supervisor will need to be contacted to verify the full-time nature of the ministry (see attached form). Qualifying experience(s) would focus on face-to-face, more traditionally-defined ministry in the life of the church and would exclude primarily administrative functions.

When you have completed the Mentored Ministry Waiver Petition Form (attached) submit it to the MM Office at your earliest convenience. *Please note that it is your responsibility to secure the signature of your previous ministry supervisor*. Also, please alert our office if you are under any deadline. The Director and/or Assistant Director of Mentored Ministry review all Waiver Petitions. Decisions on waivers will be communicated to you and the Registration Office through the campus mail within a couple of weeks. Please note the course number(s) of the units being waived so you may know which units you may still need to take. If you have any questions about the Waiver Policy or procedures please contact the Mentored Ministry Office in AC 233 or at 978-646-4119.

**SPECIAL NOTE: It is the full expectation of the seminary that all students who have any or all MM units waived will still commit to be meaningfully involved in the life of a local church during their entire time as students at GCTS. You may be asked to verify this.*

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Mentored Ministry

Waiver Petition Form

*To be completed ONLY if your experience meets the stated Waiver Requirements.
Be sure to secure your stated supervisor's signature before turning in this form.*

Name _____ Degree _____ ID # _____ Box _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ E-mail: _____

Previous Work:

Church/Project _____

Supervisor _____ Title _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ E-mail: _____

Church/Project Website: _____

Your Position _____ Average hours per week _____

Time Frame (include month & year) _____ to _____

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR MINISTRY AND RESPONSIBILITIES: (may be continued on a separate sheet)

I am attending and am involved in the following local church (for matriculated students): _____

STUDENT (sign): _____ Date _____

I affirm that the above information is true and the student in question did satisfactory work.

SUPERVISOR (sign): _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE: Approval to Reg. Student copy Student DB Student File