

# WELCOME TO CHARLOTTE

For over 20 years, Gordon-Conwell—Charlotte has made graduate theological studies available to students from around the world. The Charlotte campus was founded in 1992 with a vision to expand the boundaries of theological education. In 2003, our growing institution opened the Frank and Morrow Graham Academic Center, named in memory of the parents of founder Rev. Dr. Billy Graham, then expanding in 2015 with the David M. Rogers Hall of Mission and its new classrooms, offices, and educational technologies. Today, Gordon-Conwell—Charlotte continues to advance the seminary’s vision by training students to think theologically, engage globally and live biblically in every sphere of life.

The opportunity to attend seminary can be exciting as you follow God’s leading, but often family, career, location, and ministry set limits around attaining a theological education. The adult education model of the Charlotte campus, with our real-time and on-demand interactions delivered through digital and on-campus course formats, addresses those limits by broadening access to graduate theological studies. The Charlotte model allows students to remain in their own ministry and mentoring contexts, taking advantage of the benefits of their face-to-face, primary communities, while still joining students from around the world to learn, share ideas, and grow together.

As the Seminary enters a second century of service to the church, the original mission remains: to send well-prepared men and women into the world with the Word of God. We are convinced that you will find Gordon-Conwell—Charlotte unique due to our rich heritage, fidelity to sound biblical teaching, and visionary outlook for the decades to come.

## DEGREES

Learn about the graduate degree + certificate programs available

## COURSE FORMATS

Can’t come to campus all the time? No problem! We offer multiple delivery formats

## APPLYING

Get the 411 on how to apply + how the Admissions Team is ready to help

## CONTACT INFO

Whom to contact for questions about discerning your path to seminary

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Charlotte campus has a vibrant and diverse population of nearly 600 students from 58 denominations and 19 countries.

## Master's Degree Programs

*At Gordon-Conwell, we seek to equip men and women who, as committed servants of Christ, are disciplined in mind, eager to learn, and sensitive to the needs of the world. The swiftly changing currents of contemporary society and global events increase the demands made on Christians in the exercise of their ministry in the world. The seminary strives to educate students to think biblically and theologically in the face of global needs.*

### **Master of Divinity (91 credit hours)**

The M.Div. degree primarily prepares students for professional pastoral ministry, as well as those interested in serving in parachurch ministries and doctoral studies, through core studies as well as concentrations for Pastoral Ministry, Christian Leadership, Ministry Practitioner, or Pastoral Care & Counseling. The M.Div. assists students in meeting ordination requirements within their denomination or church body, as well as hospital and military chaplaincy.

### **Master of Arts (Biblical Studies) | (Christian Thought) | (New Testament) | (Old Testament) (61 credit hours)**

The four academic Master of Arts degrees are intended for students focusing on a particular field and who are not planning to enter pastoral ministry in the church. Typical students include those who wish to pursue university doctoral studies, school teachers, professionals from fields other than ministry, and missionaries who desire to focus on a particular area.

### **Master of Arts in Christian Counseling (67 credit hours)**

The integrative Master of Arts in Christian Counseling programs prepare students for entry-level counseling positions in Clinical Mental Health (CMH), or for further studies in psychology. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to sit for relevant licensure exams.

### **Master of Arts in Christian Leadership (61 credit hours)**

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership program exposes the student to the various theories of leadership, and assists in developing relevant competencies for redemptive servant leadership in Christian ministry. The degree serves those engaged in or pursuing ministry in non-pastoral parish ministry, campus ministry, or other related parachurch ministries.

### **Master of Arts in Christian Ministries (61 credit hours)**

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministries degree assists those who plan to serve in a church, para-church, missions, campus ministry, marketplace, or other ministry context. With concentrations in Ministry Practitioner, Pastoral Ministry, or Pastoral Care & Counseling, students receive robust training in biblical, theological, and practical ministry without relocating or disrupting family, ministry or work obligations.

### **Master of Arts (Religion) (61 credit hours)**

The M.A. (Religion) program is designed for students who wish to understand their calling within a more integrated perspective. The emphasis on integration - not simply doing new research, but reflecting on and pulling together research already done within the coursework - is a hallmark of the program that allows students to navigate through the program as active participants. Concentrations include global missions, and church-planting.

## Graduate Certificate Programs

*In addition to its degree programs, the Charlotte campus also offers graduate certificate programs designed for those who wish to be better informed and better prepared to serve in Christian ministry. Students will be granted full graduate credit for courses taken through a graduate certificate program.*

### **Certificate in Christian Studies (30 credit hours)**

The Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies is designed to provide a basic foundation for those who currently serve or plan to serve in some form of ministry, primarily in a lay context. This program is not intended to replace formal training provided through the various degree programs Gordon-Conwell offers, and those considering vocational ministry are encouraged to pursue an appropriate degree program.

### **Certificate in Ministry Among Emerging Generations (30 credit hours)**

The Ministry among Emerging Generations Certificate Program is a response to the challenges of ministering to young adults in a variety of settings—urban, university, etc.

### **Certificate in Pastoral Care (18 credit hours)**

The Post-Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Care serves those who may be engaged in pastoral care in multiple settings, and would benefit from supplemental training in that role. This certificate is designed for individuals currently in ministry who have a graduate degree from a theological institution. It does not prepare an individual for a professional career in clinical counseling.

*Post-baccalaureate (30 credit hours) and post-graduate (12-18 credit hours) certificates in Anglican and Lutheran studies are also available. Please inquire with the Admissions office.*

Gordon-Conwell—Charlotte offers courses in a variety of formats that combine real-time and on-demand interactions delivered through digital and on-campus tools. Courses in all formats involve fixed starting and ending dates, with work spread out over the entire semester/term, regardless of when the course meets.

### WEEKEND

#### Weekend modular courses

- Class meets on three weekends per semester/term. These courses may also involve digital interaction with other students and the professor before, between, and after the weekend meetings.
- Weekend schedule: Friday evenings + Saturdays all day (courses may include digital breakouts during the week, at the discretion of the professor)

#### Weekend reading courses

- Class meets on three Saturday evenings (5:00-7:00 M), after the conclusion of a weekend modular class. These courses usually include digital interaction with other students and the professor before, between, and after the class weekends.

### WEEKDAY

#### Weekday courses

- Class meets once a week for ten weeks (three hours per week). These courses may also involve digital interaction between class meetings.
- Weekday schedule: Morning classes--9:00-noon; Afternoon classes--1:00-4:00 PM; Evening classes--6:30-9:30 PM.

#### Week-intensive courses

- Class meets for five consecutive days (9:00 AM-4:00 PM, with a one-hour break for lunch).
- These courses may also involve digital interaction with students and the professor.

### ONLINE

#### Digital Live

- Our synchronous video-conferencing course format piloted at the Charlotte campus.
- Allows students to connect electronically to the classroom from anywhere in the world, so that they can fully participate to have the same classroom experiences as students who are physically present on campus.
- Class schedules usually follow the weekend modular courses mentioned above.

#### Web-enhanced courses

- Classes meet for a three-day residency, with significant on-line interaction before and after the residency.

#### Fully on-line courses

- Produced for Charlotte students, delivered through digital, on-demand formats; has no real-time interactions.

#### Semlink+ courses

- Fully on-line courses offered to students from all four campuses that follow the institutional Semlink+ schedule. These courses do not always take place completely within the boundaries of Charlotte's semesters/terms, but all involve fixed starting and ending dates for course learning.

### INDEPENDENT

#### Directed studies

- Student works individually with a professor to complete course requirements

## APPLYING TO GORDON-CONWELL—CHARLOTTE

As you prepare to enter graduate studies, please note our application requirements:

- Online Application
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Official transcripts sent directly from *all* colleges and other institutions of higher education attended
- Three written recommendations: Pastor/Church Official; former Professor/current Colleague; Friend/Mentor
- Two essays: a spiritual autobiography and a personal statement
- Application filing fee of \$50 (U.S.)
- TOEFL: a score of 90 (570 paper-based) or better is required for all international students

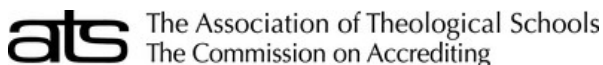
If you need assistance completing the application process, please let us know and we will try to accommodate your particular needs. Application deadlines are:

- Fall Semester: July 15
- Spring Semester: October 15
- Summer Semester: April 15

### Questions? Contact us!

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### ACCREDITATION



Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.



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### KEY LEADERS

- Seminary President is Dr. Dennis P. Hollinger, an accomplished ethicist, who also serves as the Colman M. Mockler Distinguished Professor of Christian Ethics at Gordon-Conwell—Hamilton.
- Board of Advisors include local pastors Bishop Dr. Claude Alexander, Dr. “Bob” Jack, Dr. Mike Moses, and Dr. Jim Logan, Jr.
- Key faculty members include Dr. Donald Fairbairn, Academic Dean & Robert E. Cooley Professor of Early Christianity; and, Dr. Rodney Cooper, Kenneth and Jean Hansen Professor of Discipleship and Leadership Development & Director, CDEL.

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### ROBERT C. COOLEY CENTER

The Robert C. Cooley Center for the Study of Early Christianity serves as a base for research, study and scholarship. It includes the Robert C. Cooley Collection of Biblical Archaeology and Early Christianity, containing volumes, journals, media and artifacts related to biblical archaeology and social anthropology. In 2018, Dr. Sejin Koh was appointed the Robert C. Cooley Center for the Study of Early Christianity, as well as the GCTS-Charlotte Director of International Studies.