

GORDON  CONWELL
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Degree Programs



Think THEOLOGICALLY ♦ *Engage* GLOBALLY ♦ *Live* BIBLICALLY



However Christ has called you and wherever he has placed you, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary can equip you.

For over 50 years, we have provided rigorous theological training, deep spiritual formation, and practical ministry skills for Christian leaders. Today our 13,000 alumni serve Christ through the church, academy, workplace, and mission field in the US and around the world.

Step into your calling today, and we'll equip you to think theologically, engage globally, and live biblically.



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DENOMINATIONS

Engage with numerous Bible-based traditions while refining and deepening your theological beliefs in our multidenominational evangelical community.

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COUNTRIES

Enhance your learning, cross-cultural engagement, and theological dialogue in a community that represents over 50 countries.

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EXPERIENCES

Choose the community experience that best fits your life and calling: residential, urban, or online.

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AUTHORITY

Ground yourself in the authority of Scripture as you're equipped in community to serve Christ.



Experience Gordon-Conwell

Explore our residential, hybrid/online, and urban ministry learning experiences.



GRADUATE DEGREES

DEGREE	LENGTH (Full-Time)	CHARACTERISTICS	EXPERIENCE
MDiv Master of Divinity	3 years 90 credit hours	Premier training for pastoral ministry, missions, chaplaincy, and academia Emphasis on original biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek) Option to pursue dual MDiv/MACO degree in Hamilton, MA Mentored Ministry	📍 Hamilton, MA—Residential 📍 Boston, MA—Urban Ministry 📍 Charlotte, NC—Online 📶 100% Online or Hybrid
MATS Master of Arts in Theological Studies	2 years 60 credit hours	Academic training with optional concentrations for ministry and academia Emphasis on biblical languages (Greek and Hebrew) in most concentrations	📍 Hamilton, MA—Residential 📍 Boston, MA—Urban Ministry 📍 Charlotte, NC—Online 📶 100% Online or Hybrid 🗣️ Also in Spanish and Portuguese
MACM Master of Arts in Christian Ministries	2 years 48 credit hours	Practical training for ministry and the workplace Optional concentrations No biblical language requirements	📍 Hamilton, MA—Residential 📍 Boston, MA—Urban Ministry 📍 Charlotte, NC—Online 📶 100% Online or Hybrid 🗣️ Also in Spanish and Portuguese
MACO Master of Arts in Counseling	3-4 years 81 credit hours	CACREP-accredited training for counseling professions and licensure Theology and counseling courses without biblical language requirements Option to pursue dual MDiv/MACO degree	📍 📶 Hamilton, MA or Primarily Online with 3, 5-Day Residencies in Hamilton, MA 📄 CACREP Accredited 🕒 Daytime Classes
MACC Master of Arts in Christian Counseling	2-3 years 66 credit hours	CACREP-accredited training for counseling professions and licensure Theology and counseling courses without biblical language requirements	📍 📶 Charlotte, NC or Primarily Online with Annual Residency in Charlotte, NC 📄 CACREP Accredited 🕒 Night & Weekend Classes



"In my years at Gordon-Conwell, professors, friends, and colleagues helped me forge a theological vision that has infused my preaching and ministry ever since. I owe the school, its teachers, and its alumni a debt I can never repay."

Tim Keller (MDiv '75)
Pastor, Author, Theologian, and Founder of Redeemer City to City

ADVANCED DEGREES

DEGREE	LENGTH (Full-Time)	CHARACTERISTICS	EXPERIENCE
ThM Master of Theology	1 year 24 credit hours	Advanced, specialized training for Christian ministry or doctoral work. MDiv or academic MA required. Required concentration in biblical studies, Christian thought, or practical theology Biblical languages required for some concentrations	📍 Hamilton, MA—Residential 📶 100% Online or Hybrid
DMin Doctor of Ministry	3 years	Highest professional degree for individuals already successfully engaged in ministry. MDiv or equivalent required. Several options for required tracks that form passionate, reflective, and effective ministry practitioners Cohort-based program	📶 Primarily Remote + Short-Term Residencies
PhD Doctor of Philosophy in Theological Studies	4 years	Terminal academic degree for individuals to conduct rigorous scholarship and teach theological studies. MDiv or equivalent required, with ThM desired. Several options for faculty supervisors across required concentrations: Theology/Ethics & Mission/World Christianity	📍 📶 2-Year Residency in Hamilton, MA then Remote Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

DEGREE	LENGTH (Full-Time)	CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS	EXPERIENCE
CERT Graduate Certificate	1 year 18 credit hours	Christian Studies	📍 Hamilton, MA—Residential 📶 100% Online or Hybrid 🗣️ Also in Spanish and Portuguese
		Spiritual Formation	📍 Hamilton, MA—Residential 📶 100% Online or Hybrid
		Urban Ministry	📍 Boston, MA—Urban Ministry 📶 100% Online or Hybrid
		Workplace Theology	📍 Hamilton, MA—Residential 📶 100% Online or Hybrid



"Exploring the Old Testament as a student at Gordon-Conwell gave me an incredible understanding of God's mercy and enduring love. Today, as a Gordon-Conwell professor, I see the life-changing impact of the Old Testament in the lives of my own students."

Dr. Donna Petter (MA & MAR '97)
Co-Author of *Ezra-Nehemiah: NIV Application Commentary*

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Comprehensively Equipping You to Lead & Impact the Church



“The MDiv at Gordon-Conwell reliably equipped me for the faithful study of God’s word and a lifetime of service to the Church. I was challenged, sharpened, and edified by the multid denominational setting and a shared commitment to the gospel’s transforming power.”

Sam DeVore (MDiv '24)



- Biblical Studies
- Christian Thought
- Practical Theology
- Counseling
- Elective/Concentration

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

90 HRS |

The MDiv at Gordon-Conwell provides a thoughtful balance of biblical study rooted in the original languages, Christian theology, and practical ministry preparation. Through Mentored Ministry, students are mentored by an experienced pastor or ministry leader and serve in a church, ministry, or para-ministry setting. Our most comprehensive degree equips men and women to lead in ordained Christian ministry or to pursue further academic scholarship. Couple your training in pastoral ministry with clinical skills in our 137-credit dual MDiv/MACO program.

Sample Three-Year Plan

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
<p>Fall Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church to the Reformation Basic Greek I Spiritual Formation for Ministry Exploring the Old Testament <p>January Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Missions <p>Spring Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Greek II Understanding Culture Exploring the New Testament Theology Survey I <p>Summer Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpreting the New Testament Mentored Ministry 	<p>Fall Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethics Elective New Testament Epistle Exegesis Hebrew I Preaching: Principles and Practice <p>January Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Theology Elective <p>Spring Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro. to Pastoral Counseling Mentored Ministry New Testament Narrative Exegesis Hebrew II Theology Survey II <p>Summer Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpreting the Old Testament 	<p>Fall Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Testament Exegesis Theology Elective Pastoral Skills Pastoral Communication Mentored Ministry <p>January Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective <p>Spring Term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Old Testament Exegesis Capstone: Pastoral Ministry The Church Since the Reformation Elective



“My time here at Gordon-Conwell has included holistic transformation. I am being equipped to engage in deeper study of the Word of God while in community with believers from different denominations and cultures. Gordon-Conwell continues to be a place where I experience God’s transforming power in both my heart and mind.”

Monae Cooper (MDiv Student)

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREES

Personalizing Your Ministry Preparation

Our Master of Arts degrees prepare you for ministry with a foundation in biblical studies, Christian thought, and practical theology while allowing you to further personalize your degree for your calling through optional concentrations.



Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS)

60 HRS |

The MATS equips men and women seeking strong academic preparation for ministry or further academic studies. Build your own concentration or select from our predefined ones. Most concentrations provide a path to a ThM.

OPTIONAL CONCENTRATIONS

- Biblical Languages
- Church History
- Intercultural Studies
- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Spiritual Formation
- Theology



"I'm very grateful for the training in the MATS program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The curriculum and classes have been essential for my development as a teacher and leader in my local church."

Bruno Andrada (MATS student)

Master of Arts in Christian Ministries (MACM)

48 HRS |

The MACM equips men and women preparing for a variety of Christian ministries. The base curriculum maximizes flexibility for personal focus or predefined concentrations.

OPTIONAL CONCENTRATIONS

- Church Planting
- Christian Leadership
- Spiritual Formation
- Urban Ministry



"Gordon-Conwell provided a network of like-minded students in a digital world. I live in a small town, so exposure to new people and resources was very welcome!"

Leigh Redmond (MACM '22)

COUNSELING

Integrating Counseling Theory with Theological Foundations

Our counseling programs are CACREP-accredited and prepare future counselors with a strong theological and clinical foundation for work in faith-based and secular settings. Explore the MA in Counseling (MACO) if daytime courses are best for your schedule and the MA in Christian Counseling (MACC) if night and weekend courses are best.



Biblical Studies

Christian Thought

Practical Theology

Counseling

Elective/Concentration

Master of Arts in Christian Counseling (MACC)

66 HRS | 

The MACC-Clinical Mental Health (CMH) program based at the Charlotte, NC campus focuses on diagnosis and treatment of behavioral health issues for individuals, couples, families, and groups. The MACC is both nationally and regionally accredited and is available primarily online or in person with night and weekend classes.



"My time at Gordon-Conwell serves as the solid clinical and theological foundation I draw on daily to treat clients. I can't imagine practicing counseling without the transformational experiences I gained as a student there, personally and professionally. I am the counselor I am because of this program."

Amy Work, LCMHCA (MACC '10)

Master of Arts in Counseling (MACO)

81 HRS | 

The MACO program at the Hamilton, MA campus prepares you for various careers in professional counseling and helps you to integrate your Christian faith throughout the program. The MACO is both nationally and regionally accredited and is available residentially or primarily online with daytime classes.



"I often tell friends and family how much I appreciated my time at Gordon-Conwell. I had no idea how important it would be in my own development, not only as a counselor but also as a minister and a scholar."

William Bowes (MACO & MDiv '20)

**MDiv/
MACO**

Couple your clinical skills with training in pastoral ministry training with our 137-credit dual MDiv/MACO program.

ADVANCED DEGREES

Celebrating Lifelong Learning

Our Master of Theology (ThM), Doctor of Ministry (DMin), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs provide further specialization for graduate students who have already completed a Master of Divinity or other qualifying degrees.



Biblical Studies

Christian Thought

Practical Theology

Counseling

Elective/Concentration

Master of Theology (ThM)24 HRS | 

The ThM is a one-year capstone degree designed for students who have completed an MDiv or qualifying academic MAs. The ThM provides advanced, specialized preparation in a required concentration for Christian ministry or doctoral work.

CONCENTRATIONS

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Theology
- Missiology
- Church History
- Ministry

Doctor of Ministry (DMin)

46 HRS | 3-YEAR PROGRAM

The DMin is the highest professional degree for men and women already engaged in ministry. The program enables Christian ministry leaders to increase their effectiveness in the church, parachurch organization, or mission where they minister. With 20+ specialized tracks, there is an area of study matching your ministry goals.

TRACKS

- The Arts, Ministry, & Mission
- Bible Translation
- Church Planting & Multiplication
- Gospel, Culture & Leadership (Korean)
- Leadership in a Changing Church Context
- Liderazgo Pastoral (Spanish)
- Ministry to Emerging Generations
- Ministry in a New England Context
- Missions, Development, & Leadership in the Global Context
- Outreach & Discipleship
- Pastoral Theology in Practice
- Preaching: From the Study to the Pulpit
- Spiritual Formation for Ministry Leaders
- Workplace Theology & Ethical Leadership

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

63 HRS | 4-YEAR PROGRAM

The PhD in Theological Studies is a four-year minimum program with a two-year residency in Hamilton, MA. It prepares Christian leaders from around the globe to conduct rigorous scholarship and to teach theological studies while cultivating spiritual depth and personal integrity.

CONCENTRATIONS

- Theology and Ethics
- Mission and World Christianity

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Focused for Your Goals

Six Courses

All Graduate Certificates through Gordon-Conwell are six courses (18 credit hours). Certificates provide students a pathway to specific areas of study. Certificate courses can also be applied toward a master's degree.

Christian Studies GRADUATE CERTIFICATE



With successful completion, apply your credits to the MACM



MACM

MA in Christian Ministry



Urban Ministry GRADUATE CERTIFICATE



With successful completion, apply your credits to the MDiv



MDiv

Master of Divinity



In the same way, Graduate Certificates can be applied toward other degree programs. Graduate Certificates allow you to start small and work toward a full master's.



Biblical Studies	Christian Thought	Practical Theology	Counseling	Elective/Concentration
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Christian Studies



The Certificate in Christian Studies provides a foundational framework for Christian thought and ministry

Spiritual Formation



The Certificate in Spiritual Formation provides a foundational framework for personal and community formation.

Urban Ministry



The Certificate in Urban Ministry provides a city-focused context for Christian thought and ministry.

Workplace Theology & Ethical Leadership



The Certificate in Workplace Theology & Ethical Leadership prepares Christians for faithful leadership in the marketplace.

More Graduate Certificates

Additional certificates are posted as available at gcts.edu/graduate-certificates

Don't Have a Bachelor's Degree?

Are you interested in a degree program but do not have a bachelor's degree? You may still be able to take advantage of a graduate certificate as an entry point into a degree program through Gordon-Conwell. Ask us about our "Mature Admission" process by emailing admissions@gcts.edu.



"My academic journey at Gordon-Conwell has been one of the most formational decisions of my life. The certificate program gave a robust theological framework for the Christian life. Throughout the program, I knew I wanted to keep studying at Gordon-Conwell. Even one or two classes help shape us toward the image of Christ in our various ministry contexts."

Reed Schulze (MAGL '25)

THE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

How Josh Graduated Debt-Free—and You Can Too

When Josh and his family received their call to ministry, they knew he needed a 100% online MDiv program and that taking on debt would be detrimental to their family and ministry. The Partnership Program relieved them from the burden of student loans, taught them practical skills for biblical stewardship, and nurtured a strong network of support from their community. The Partnership Program can do the same for you.

THE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM OVER THE YEARS

1,500+
STUDENTS

15,000+
DONORS

20 YRS
OF SCHOLARSHIPS



Serve the Kingdom, Not Your Debt: Graduate Debt-Free

The Partnership Program offers a full-tuition scholarship and co-curricular training focused on biblical stewardship and discipleship. The program empowers students to secure a world-class theological education and enter ministry less burdened by educational debt and encouraged with an established support network.

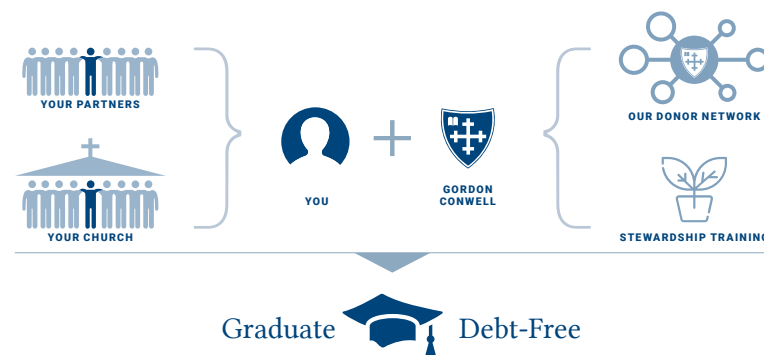
Our Commitments

- Full-tuition scholarship
- Hands-on practical training in fundraising and biblical stewardship
- Support and encouragement through Partnership student community
- Training and support from Partnership staff

Student Commitments*

- \$2,000 annual pledge from your sending church
- \$75 monthly pledge from 15 partners
- Participation in stewardship training, support raising, and financial planning
- Regular communication with supporters

* This is a sample support-raising strategy for a full-time student.



Hear from Josh, his family, and his pastor about the benefits of the Partnership Program: www.gcts.edu/partnership

Contact our Admissions Team:
admissions@gcts.edu

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gcts.edu/degrees



Discern your ministry and
vocational calling by
downloading our free guide.