

GCTS Mentored Ministry Advanced Standing Policy

Hamilton Campus

Qualifications: Minimum of five years of paid, full-time (your only job) non-administrative professional ministry work prior to matriculation.

- This petition must be submitted within the first semester on campus -

The value of field education during a student's seminary career is considered a vital part of their education and preparation for ministry. This is in keeping with the seminary's philosophy and commitment to the necessity of integration of practical experience with theological learning. Therefore, Advanced Standing will be granted only to those entering students who have had significant, robust, long-term professional ministry positions prior to matriculation.

When petitioning, please note that you will need to contact your appropriate previous supervisor to verify the full-time nature of your ministry and to also sign the Mentored Ministry Advanced Standing Petition. Qualifying experience(s) would focus on face-to-face, more traditionally-defined ministry and exclude primarily administrative roles.

When you have completed petition please submit it to the MM Office at your earliest convenience (Academic Center, Room 233 or GCTS Box 241). Please let us know if your supervisor is in a restricted country and if the wording on the petition has needed to be adjusted to protect them and the nature of their ministry work. Also, please alert the office if you are under any deadline.

Dr. Horvath and/or Dr. Kim will review all Advanced Standing Petitions. Approved petitions will be communicated to the Registration Office with a copy of the approval sent to you by e-mail.

Special Note: It is the full expectation of the seminary that all students who are granted advanced standing in Mentored Ministry will still commit to be meaningfully involved in the life of a local church during their entire time as students at GCTS. You will be asked to verify this.

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Mentored Ministry

Advanced Standing Petition

TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF YOUR EXPERIENCE MEETS THE STATED ADVANCED STANDING REQUIREMENTS

BE SURE TO SECURE YOUR SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS PETITION.

THIS PETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN YOUR FIRST SEMESTER ON CAMPUS.

Name _____ Degree _____ ID # _____ Box _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ E-mail: _____

Previous Professional Ministry:

Church/Project _____

Supervisor _____ Title _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ E-mail: _____

Ministry Website _____

Your Position _____ Average hours per week _____

Time Frame (include month & year) _____ to _____

This was my only paying job during this time frame: Yes ___ No ___

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: _____