

Children and Family Ministries

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 57 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- 3 hours from the following:*
 - ENG 2233 American Literature I
 - ENG 2243 American Literature II
 - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
- GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- GOV 2213 National and State Government
- HIS 1113 American History I
- PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- 3 hours from the following:*
 - BIO 1113 Biological Science
 - PHY 1113 Physical Science
- 3 hours from the following:*
 - MTH 1113 College Mathematics
 - MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- 2 hours from activity courses without duplication: PED 1101-2291*

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

- BIB 1143 The Church in Mission
- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- CMN 2213 Foundations of Church Ministries
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1153 New Testament Literature
- REL 1163 Old Testament Literature
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 57 Hours

- BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
- CFM 2143 Perspectives of Children and Family Ministries
- CFM 3113 Bridging Between Children and Youth
- CFM 3143 Issues in Childhood and Family Life
- CFM 4133 Leading Children and Family Ministries
- CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting
- CMN 2313 Pastoral Counseling
- CMN 3113 Ministry of Teaching
- CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry
- CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
- PMN 3363 Biblical Preaching Laboratory
- REL 3113 Christianity in the Ancient and Middle Ages - or -
- REL 3123 Christianity from the Reformation to the Postmodern Era
- SOC 2253 Marriage and Family Relationships
- 6 hours related to children or ministry from the following:*
 - BIB/CMN/COU/CPRE/EDU/ICS/PMNI/PSY/REL/SWK/THE/YSM

Internship: 12 hours

- The following courses each include a requirement of ministry involvement:*
 - CFM 3123 Creative Methods for Communicating to Children
 - CFM 3133 Spiritual Formation of Children

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CFM 4123 Reaching Children in Unique Contexts
PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership

GENERAL ELECTIVES 12 Hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 126 Hours

ACCELERATED B.A. TO M.A. TRACK 69 Hours

MAJOR STUDIES 60 Hours

BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
CFM 2143 Perspectives of Children and Family Ministries
CFM 3113 Bridging Between Children and Youth
CFM 3143 Issues in Childhood and Family Life
CFM 4133 Leading Children and Family Ministries
CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting
CMN 2313 Pastoral Counseling
CMN 3113 Ministry of Teaching
CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
PMN 3363 Biblical Preaching Laboratory
PTH 5113 Research Literature and Technology
PTH 5323 Leadership in Ministry
REL 3113 Christianity in the Ancient and Middle Ages - or -
REL 3123 Christianity from the Reformation to the Postmodern Era
SOC 2253 Marriage and Family Relationships
6 hours related to children or ministry from the following:
BIB/CMN/COU/CPRE/EDU/ICS/PMN/PSY/RELSWK/THE/YSM

Internship: 12 hours

The following courses each include a requirement of ministry involvement:

CFM 3123 Creative Methods for Communicating to Children
CFM 3133 Spiritual Formation of Children
CFM 4123 Reaching Children in Unique Contexts
PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership

GENERAL ELECTIVES 9 Hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 126 Hours

The Children and Family Ministries program is designed to train students for a variety of professional roles focused upon ministry to the needs of children and families. This program is designed for those who will minister in churches, evangelistic efforts, Christian education settings, professional organizations, and cross-cultural efforts. During this program of studies students will engage significant field ministry experiences.

Accelerated Graduate Program Opportunity:

The accelerated B.A. in Children & Family Ministries to M.A. in Practical Theology or Bible and Theology permits students to shorten their educational journey as they pursue a graduate degree through the Harrison Graduate School. It requires formal admittance to Harrison Graduate School during the second semester of the student's junior year. The student will be required to have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.75 for acceptance. Once accepted, the student will be allowed to take one graduate course each of their last two semesters which will be transferrable to Harrison Graduate School or other graduate theological venues upon conferral of their bachelor's degree.

Upon completion of this program, students will:

1. Articulate a foundational understanding of Children and Family Ministries which includes a personal philosophy, a biblical defense, and a familiarity with effective practices.
2. Lead children to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, and disciple them through teaching and mentoring ministries based upon the growth, development, and learning styles of children.
3. Discover personal talents and ministry preferences through exposure to various approaches of children and family ministry and through personal participation in traveling children's ministry teams and cross-cultural adventures.
4. Develop creative programming and deliver biblical truths in a wide variety of settings, through a wide variety of teaching methods and presentation techniques.
5. Create specific ministries aimed at bridging between children and youth ministries and helping upper elementary children and their parents positively transition to the teenage years.
6. Administer pastoral care and advocacy to and for children and families affected by a variety of current societal issues and special needs.
7. Create and direct family ministries that include: help and resources for parents to utilize in the discipleship of their children; opportunities for family members to minister together; and intergenerational efforts for facilitating community.
8. Direct an entire children and family ministry program, including the recruitment, development, and management of staff.
9. Demonstrate an ability to successfully complete graduate-level courses (Accelerated BA to MA track).

Additional Program Stipulations

1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.
4. For Accelerated BA to MA track, students will take the graduate level PTH 5323 Leadership in Ministry course in place of the undergraduate CMN 3163.