

# WOMEN *in* MINISTRY

BIBLICAL TRAINING FOR  
KINGDOM SERVICE



## OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of Covenant Theological Seminary is to glorify the triune God by training his servants to walk in God's grace, minister God's word, and equip God's people—all for God's mission.





# BIBLICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

*AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO  
SERVE ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS  
OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE . . . IN ORDER THAT  
IN EVERYTHING GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.*

*– 1 PETER 4:10, 11*

For nearly 70 years, Covenant Seminary has been committed to preparing faithful pastors, counselors, and ministry leaders for our denomination and the expanding global church. While we believe that the Bible reserves the role of ordained pastoral ministry for men, we also believe that God calls women to minister in his church and Kingdom in vitally important ways. We welcome and encourage women students in all our degree programs, and we offer a variety of other activities for women students, as well as generous scholarship support specifically for women.



# DEGREE PROGRAMS

**... TO EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK  
OF MINISTRY, FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY  
OF CHRIST ...**

**– EPHESIANS 4:12**

Whether you're just beginning to explore where God may be calling you to serve, are already involved in ministry and looking to sharpen your skills, or simply want to deepen your personal understanding of the Scriptures, Covenant Seminary has an educational option that fits your needs. Most of our degrees are offered with online and/or hybrid-learning options for greater accessibility and flexibility.

## **+ MASTER OF DIVINITY (MDIV)**

*99 credit hours*

*Offered residentially or in hybrid format (requiring only 6 visits to campus).*

Though designed as the primary degree for training ordained pastors or ministry leaders, the MDiv offers a Specialized Track for women or men not seeking to serve in ordained ministry. The MDiv equips ministry leaders to communicate the truths of Scripture, understand themselves and others through a biblical worldview, and develop a deeper love for Christ so that they are equipped to lead and serve his church.

## **+ MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING (MAC)**

*75 credit hours*

*Offered residentially only.*

Our clinically focused, biblically grounded MAC program will help you become a biblically faithful and clinically excellent counselor. We help you harmonize contemporary counseling theories and techniques with a Christian worldview, and when you graduate you are prepared for licensure, changed by a community of grace, and ready to help hurting people.

## **+ MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES) (MABTS)**

*66 credit hours*

*Offered residentially, fully online, or in hybrid format.*

The MABTS is a deeply biblical degree that offers study of one or both biblical languages alongside Bible and theology classes. It is ideal for ministry leaders, Bible and theology teachers, or those who wish to pursue a PhD. The MABTS offers concentrations in church planting or Greek and Hebrew, with an option for doing a thesis.

## **+ MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY (MAM)**

*54 credit hours*

*Offered residentially or in hybrid format (with as few as 4 visits to campus).*

The MAM is a customizable degree that provides ministry training to fit your specific calling. Pursue it via the MAM General Track or choose from four different areas of concentrated study (biblical studies and Christian ministry, counseling ministries, cultural apologetics and communication, or educational ministries) aimed at equipping ministry leaders with biblical training and practical leadership skills.



## **+ MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGICAL STUDIES) MATS**

*54 credit hours*

*Offered residentially, fully online, or in hybrid format.*

The MATS is a graduate-level theology degree that is ideal for ministry leaders, lay leaders, church elders, or Bible and theology teachers. Its major benefit over other degrees is its format accessibility and its open-ended nature, allowing students to pursue to the direction of their choice.

## **+ MASTER OF ARTS IN MISSIONAL THEOLOGY (MAMT)**

*48 credit hours*

*Offered residentially only through our Missional Training Center—Phoenix location.*

The MAMT is designed to equip ministry leaders already serving in the American Southwest. Learn from and alongside other active church leaders as courses in biblical studies, church history, and theology are applied with relevance to the local church as you participate in ministry.

## **+ DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (DMIN)**

*30 credit hours*

*Offered residentially or in hybrid format.*

The DMin is designed to sustain pastors and other ministry leaders for the challenges of ministry. Learn with and from leaders in ministry and become better equipped and sustained for long-term ministry. Has a dissertation component that helps you dive deeply into a practical area of ministry relevant to your current context.

## **+ MASTER OF THEOLOGY (THM)**

*30 credit hours*

*Offered residentially or in hybrid format.*

The ThM is an advanced degree for students holding an MDiv that gives them the opportunity for directed study for the purpose of preparing to pursue a PhD, to wrestle with doctrines or issues of faith, or to hone ministry skills. You may pursue the degree either in residence or via a modular track comprised of intensive courses on campus, and advisor-guided research and independent study.

## **+ GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (GC)**

*8–20 credit hours*

*Offered residentially or fully online.*

The flexibly structured GC is designed to equip lay leaders in the Bible, theology, and ministry, and can be ideal for those who do not need a full theology degree but want to learn from world-class seminary faculty about topics beneficial for their Christian growth and ministry—such as ruling elders, deacons, ministry staff, and lay leaders. Most classes taken are transferable to our other master's programs for students wanting further study.

Learn more about our degree options online at [www.covenantseminary.edu/degrees](http://www.covenantseminary.edu/degrees).

# FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS

We want to make seminary as affordable as possible. Every year we award \$1.8 million in scholarships to students to help cover the costs of their education. As part of this we offer some scholarships especially for women. This is an investment in your future ministry and the future health of the church.

## + WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This scholarship was established to help launch female students into ministry with little or no debt. This is a **full-tuition scholarship** given to a female MDiv student in her last year of study who is recognized via recommendations as having high potential for ministry leadership.

## + MINISTRY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

This **50%-tuition scholarship** is awarded to a limited number of full-time, on-campus MDiv students based on character, calling, gifting, need, and demonstrated ministry experience.

## + SPOUSE TEAMWORK AWARDS

Because Covenant Seminary believes that Christian ministry involves the whole family, we provide qualified spouses of all full-time students with the opportunity to attend courses. Spouses may **audit courses for free or take courses for credit** with the following scholarships:

- **A 100%-tuition Scholarship** for student spouses pursuing the MAM, MATS, MDiv, MABTS, or GC.
- **A 67%-tuition Scholarship** for student spouses pursuing the MAC.

Spouses must complete all normal seminary admission requirements. The scholarship is for tuition only; spouses must pay for their fees and books, and for any tuition not covered by the scholarship.

*Funding for this award comes in part from the PCA's Women in the Church (WIC) Family Nurture Endowment.*

Learn more about our financial aid options online at [www.covenantseminary.edu/tuition-scholarships](http://www.covenantseminary.edu/tuition-scholarships).



# LEARNING & GROWING IN COVENANT COMMUNITY

*IN HIM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT  
TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING PLACE  
FOR GOD BY THE SPIRIT.  
– EPHESIANS 2:22*

The goal of a seminary education is to not only know the Bible, but to be transformed through a deeper relationship with Christ. We believe the deepest transformation occurs within community. Many of our alumni point to their time in the living, learning, and worshipping gospel-centered community at Covenant as one of the greatest times of their life. Our Student Life team works to cultivate this transformation in a number of ways.

## **Weekly Chapel Services**

Every Friday morning we gather as a community to worship God and share fellowship with one another. Services are usually planned and led by Covenant students, with faculty members and other guest speakers offering exhortation and encouragement from God's Word. Special activities like Day of Prayer also take place throughout each semester.

## **Whole-Person Support**

Because relationships are the heart of the Christian life and the basis of effective ministry, our Student Life team intentionally pursues time with each student individually—whether man or woman, residential or online—to walk with you as you face the challenges and blessings of seminary life and learn how to minister well to others.

## **Personal Transformation through Cohort Groups**

Growth occurs as we become more like Christ. This is crucial for leaders of Christ's church. Cohort groups are designed to promote sustainability for a lifetime of ministry by helping you grow in emotional and spiritual health, relational skills, and wise conflict resolution through reflection on your own story withing a safe group of your peers.

## **Gospel-Centered Community**

Campus life is geared toward nurturing growth in gospel-centered community through many avenues that bring students, faculty, staff, and families together in creative, challenging, and life-changing ways.

- Our Family Nurture program offers occasional free childcare and opportunities for parents to enjoy time to themselves.
- Student groups and organizations based on specific interests abound, including the Women's Student Fellowship, International Women's Fellowship, Women of Wisdom (for women over 40), and the Ministry Spouse Foundations discussion series.
- We enjoy seminary-wide picnics where students, faculty and staff gather for food, fun, and fellowship.
- Other special programs, events, and activities also provide excellent opportunities for growth in grace together.

## **Robust Online/Hybrid Community**

*All our students* are important to the life and health of the Covenant community, so we try hard to include our online and hybrid-learning students in as many ways as possible. In addition to online cohorts and class-related discussions, many campus activities and events are livestreamed or include an online component. Student Life's Online Care Coordinator keeps in touch with online students on a regular basis as well.

Learn more about Student Life and our campus community online at [www.covenantseminary.edu/student-life](http://www.covenantseminary.edu/student-life).

# WHAT OUR WOMEN GRADUATES ARE SAYING

"I never could have prepared myself for the enrichment of ministry that a Covenant Seminary education would provide. My introduction to the resources that would re-shape my life and become the paradigm by which I would forever study and teach the Bible, do life and ministry, and see world events come through professors who would endure as mentors, friends, and significant influences over the totality of a life of ministry."

**KAY GABRYSCH (MATS '18, DMIN '22)**

*Bible Study Leader and Conference Speaker*

"Covenant is incredibly pastoral in its approach to seminary training and the spiritual formation of its students. I loved that I could immediately apply what I was learning in real-life ministry. Covenant equips you holistically for a lifetime of fruitful ministry. It's about knowing God better and seeing others come to know him better. I am a better wife, mom, friend, and employee as a result of my Covenant Seminary experience. It's a privilege to be part of this place."

**ERIN GOLANGCO (MATS '19)**

*Executive Director, JFRH Foundation*

"The seminary community taught me the centrality of God's mission for understanding the Bible and the role of God's people. This helped move me away from a view of Christianity that could be too individualistic. Through the lens of mission, I also learned tools for interpreting the Bible in ways that respect the larger story of God and his people and helps me help others participate in that story. Covenant helped me learn to love other people in a more Christlike manner."

**STEPHANIE MARX (MDIV '20)**

*Wife, Mother, Servant of Christ*

"Classmates were not competitors but comrades. Professors were not just evaluators, but encouragers, mentors, friends, and fellow workers. The staff didn't simply check in, work, and then check out—they were constantly loving and serving the student body."

**SARAH V. WRIGHT (MDIV/MAC '12)**

*Author, Teacher, and Counselor*

"Covenant helped me to see the bigness of the gospel—that God is making all things new—and that a just God loves his whole world. Good policy must reflect that."

**JESSICA PATTERSON LONG (MDIV '03)**

*Foreign Service Officer, U. S. State Department*

## HOW TO GET STARTED

Pursuing a lifetime of ministry can sometimes feel intimidating. But the process to become a seminary student shouldn't be. We'll walk with you every step of the way to help you create a plan that fits your calling. We've helped thousands of people successfully launch into ministry. We'd love to help you too—just follow these three simple steps:

- 1. Contact an Admissions Representative** – They'll help you figure out a degree plan that fits your calling.
- 2. Apply to Covenant Seminary** – Fill out our online application, complete your admissions essay, and provide a few references. We'll get back with you and arrange an interview with Admissions.
- 3. Begin your degree plan** – Once you're admitted, we help you start the course plan and method that best fits your needs and calling.

**Ready to join us?** Visit [www.covenantseminary.edu/apply-now](http://www.covenantseminary.edu/apply-now) to begin the application process today!





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