



# MDiv Church Planting Track

## Program Overview

In addition to the **MDiv core curriculum** the Church Planting Track requires the following specialized courses. All are **one-credit courses** to be taken from the MDiv elective hours. See page 2 for a more detailed program overview based on mode of study (on-campus or hybrid).

### MDIV CHURCH PLANTING TRACK COURSE LIST

	Fall	Spring
YEAR 1	<b>Church Planting Field Trip</b>   CG515 Location 1**  <i>(1 credit hour)</i>	<b>Church Planting Foundations</b>   CG505*  OR  <b>Resiliency in Church Planting</b>   CG506*  <i>(1 credit hour)</i>
YEAR 2	<b>Church Planting Field Trip</b>   CG515 Location 2**  <i>(1 credit hour)</i>	<b>Church Planting Foundations</b>   CG505*  OR  <b>Resiliency in Church Planting</b>   CG506*  <i>(1 credit hour)</i>
<b>NOTE:</b> An additional <i>Church Planting elective</i> (CG51X), offered every other spring, can be taken whenever it fits in a student's schedule. Topics will vary. <i>(1 credit hour)</i>		
<b>Total Track Credits = 5</b>		

\* CG505 and CG506 will be offered in alternating Spring terms. They are not sequenced in relation to each other.  
 \*\* CG515 is a repeatable course as the trip will vary between at least two different locations.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW BY STUDY OPTION

On-Campus Residential Study Option — 4 Years	
Year 1	Standard MDiv courses plus Church Planting Track courses as listed above. Participation in MDiv Cohort Group. Assessment Point 1 during Christian Formation and Calling (AT300), semester 1.
Year 2	Continue MDiv coursework, including Church Planting Track courses as listed above. Participation in Church Planting Cohort Group. Fundraising Training. Assessment Point 2: Mission to North America (MNA) Readiness Assessment.
Year 3	Externship Year that fulfills Field Education and Presbytery Internship requirements. Participation in Church Planting Cohort Group.
Year 4	Finish degree course work. Participation in Church Planting Cohort Group. Assessment Point 3: MNA Church Planting Assessment. Graduation and ministry placement.

**NOTE:** This overview assumes that a student is headed for church planting in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The program may vary a bit for those seeking to plant for other denominations.

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Hybrid-Format Study Option — 5 Years	
Year 1	Standard MDiv courses plus Church Planting Track courses as listed above. Participation in MDiv Cohort Group (online). Assessment Point 1 during Christian Formation and Calling (AT300), semester 1.
Year 2	Continue MDiv coursework, including plus Church Planting Track courses as listed above. Participation in Church Planting Cohort Group (online with Covenant peers or through network-based group if available). Fundraising Training. Assessment Point 2: Mission to North America (MNA) Readiness Assessment.
Year 3	Externship Year that fulfills Field Education and Presbytery Internship requirements. For hybrid-format students, the Externship may be done any time during years 3, 4, or 5 and may be for longer than one year if desired. Continue degree coursework if not doing Externship during this year. Participation in Church Planting Cohort Group (online with Covenant peers or through network-based group if available).
Year 4	Continue degree course work. Participation in Church Planting Cohort Group (online with Covenant peers or through network-based group if available). Externship Year (if not done during year 3).
Year 5	Finish degree coursework. Participation in Church Planting Cohort Group (online with Covenant peers or through network-based group if available). Externship Year (if not done during year 3). Assessment Point 3: MNA Church Planting Assessment. Graduation and ministry placement.