

Program Learning Outcomes – School of Theology and Christian Ministry

In the School of Theology and Christian Ministry, we have developed academic programs with the purpose and expectation that our students will be prepared for a life of committed and disciplined service. The arenas for that service are fairly wide and include the local church, further education, academic vocations, and Christian missions. In the attached documents you will find a detailed account of the program outcomes as they relate to each of the four majors housed in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry.

Note: The Christian Ministry major fulfills all of the educational requirements for ordination required by the Church of the Nazarene.

PROGRAM: BIBLICAL STUDIES

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- identify the major content and contexts of the Bible.
- translate the biblical texts from Greek or Hebrew.
- apply the interpretation of Christian biblical literature to ministry in the local church congregations.

PROGRAM: CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- apply the interpretation of biblical literature to ministry in local Christian congregations.
- apply philosophy and Christian theology to issues bearing on the church and human society.
- apply core Christian leadership practices for ministry for the whole church.
- identify trends in contemporary youth culture and adolescent faith development (for youth ministry concentration only)

PROGRAM: PHILOSOPHY

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- engage in the disciplined practice of asking questions about God, the world, and themselves, including questions for which there may be no easy answers.
- differentiate among interrelated movements or figures in the history of philosophy.
- evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of human reasoning or experience to provide an adequate account of the human condition, the world, ethics and Christian life.

PROGRAM: PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY

Students who complete the program will be able to:

- apply philosophy and Christian theology to issues bearing on the church and human society.
- summarize the historical development of the beliefs and practices of Christianity.
- compose term papers that are well organized, use appropriate citation methods, and exhibit clear and coherent writing.
- analyze primary and secondary sources and construct theologically and philosophically sound arguments.