



UNIVERSITY OF
DUBUQUE
THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY

SUPERVISED PRACTICE OF MINISTRY (SPM) AND FIELD EDUCATION (FE) COURSES

M.Div. students are required to complete four credits of Supervised Practice of Ministry (SPM) in a field setting, and all four Field Education (FE) courses to qualify for graduation. **M.Div. students may enroll in S.P.M. only after completion of one year of seminary.**

M.A.M.C. students are required to complete two credits of Supervised Practice of Ministry (SPM) and two Field Education courses: FE 602 and FE 605.

FIELD EDUCATION (FE) COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

FE 601D Essential Functions of the Pastor

1 credit Instructor: Staff

This integrative seminar incorporates issues encountered in students' S.P.M. settings while teaching the basic skills for pastoral ministry, e.g., how to conduct weddings, funerals, baptisms, serve Holy Communion, and engage in home visitation.

FE 602D Understanding Context and Change in the Church

1 credit Instructor: Staff

Part of the time in this integrative seminar will be devoted to issues arising from students' S.P.M. settings. Another part of each class session will focus on analyzing ministry context, understanding dynamics that influence the ways that congregations behave, and learning about processes that can lead to constructive change.

FE 603D Clergy Ethics

1 credit Instructor: Staff

Part of the time in this integrative seminar will be devoted to issues arising from students' S.P.M. settings. Another part of each class session will focus on developing an awareness of ethical issues that arise in the pastoral vocation, in particular, the pitfalls and temptations associated with money, sex, and the abuses of power.

FE 604D Discovering the Power of the Spoken Word

1 credit Instructor: Staff

Part of the time in this integrative seminar will be devoted to issues arising from students' S.P.M. settings. Another part of each class session will focus on the essentials of public speaking and communications, especially in the context of worship.

FE 605D Christian Witness in a Changing Culture

1 credit Instructor: Staff

A brief survey of several global religions emerging in North America, with discussions focused on how to proclaim the Gospel faithfully and effectively in the midst of such religious diversity.

PREREQUISITE FOR REGISTERING FOR S.P.M.: COMPLETION OF ONE YEAR OF SEMINARY.

SPM 671D Supervised Practice of Ministry

1 credit

One credit is awarded for a part-time S.P.M. (120-150 contact hours) during a semester or summer.

SPM 672D Supervised Practice of Ministry

2 credits

Two credits are awarded for a full-time S.P.M. (300-400 contact hours) during a semester or summer.

SPM 681D Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.) for S.P.M. Credit

1 credit

An interfaith professional education for ministry conducted in a certified center under the supervision of a chaplain supervisor accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Students register for one credit if completing C.P.E. on an extended part-time basis during fall and spring semesters. No S.P.M. documentation is required for C.P.E. However, submission of a copy of the C.P.E. completion certificate to the Field Education office is required to receive S.P.M. Students may elect to have C.P.E. considered for elective ministry hours instead of S.P.M. credit.

SPM 682D Clinical Pastoral Education (C.P.E.) for S.P.M. Credit

2 credits

An interfaith professional education for ministry conducted in a certified center under the supervision of a chaplain supervisor accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Students register for two credits if completing C.P.E. during one semester or over the summer. No S.P.M. documentation is required for C.P.E. However, submission of a copy of the C.P.E. completion certificate to the Field Education office is required to receive S.P.M. Students may elect to have C.P.E. considered for elective ministry hours instead of S.P.M. credit.