

# **CANADIAN BAPTIST SEMINARY**

## ***Immerse MDiv Degree Program Description and Outcomes***

### **MASTER OF DIVINITY**

*Immerse* is designed as a four-year Master of Divinity program that engages you within a local ministry context for a journey of biblical and theological reflection, skill development and personal growth. It helps you build the character and knowledge essential to spiritual ministry leadership. A ministry mentor, an academic mentor, and a network mentor work with you throughout the program to help you develop the skills, competencies and character you need to be an effective minister of God, in your local *context*.

### **Mentored-Ministry Learning Model**

You learn and live out your academic and applied assignments in the context of your life and ministry through the *Immerse* competency and outcomes based learning model. Guided by a team of mentors, you work through a series of carefully-crafted and customized learning experiences that help you acquire and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and character required in ministry and missional leadership. The *Immerse* context degree program is fully customizable to fit with you and your ministry context.

### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

#### *The Immerse Program*

*Immerse* allows for program delivery to be done in the context of ministry and in intentional partnership with churches and mentors. Such a structure allows for robust hands-on learning with academic rigor and responsibility where the student proves mastery of outcomes as they work through a series of carefully crafted learning experiences. Curricular outcomes integrate biblical and theological knowledge with life application in ministry to people. It combines graduate level academic assignments with applied life and leadership character and competencies.

#### *Mastery Learning*

*Immerse* is based on the principle of mastery learning, a system in which students don't just complete assignments: they live out those assignments in the context of life and ministry. Guided by a team of mentors, students work through a series of carefully-crafted learning experiences designed to help them accumulate the knowledge, skills, and character that are required in ministry and missional leaders.

#### *Ministry Leadership Outcomes*

The primary means of learning in *Immerse* is the accumulation of twenty-seven interdependent Ministry Leadership Outcomes (MLO) that describe the characteristics of a fully-formed ministry leader. MLOs are multithreaded, not sequential, and are designed to be completed over a longer period than traditional semester-based courses.

## **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

Rather than complete a series of traditional courses, the *Immerse* MDiv leads you to develop the essential competencies and character for ministry and mission through mentored ministry and education. We call these competencies *Ministry Learning Outcomes (MLO)*. They are centered around three key elements of ministry - the *Mission* of God, the *Mode* by which God's mission is brought into the world, and the *Manner* in which we participate in that mission. The *Immerse* learning process will often correspond to many traditional core and elective courses. In addition to required Scripture reading for each outcome, the learning process will involve a variety of customized learning assignments that may include reading and research, online video and/or audio, traditional courses, blogs, articles, interviews, seminars and conferences, personal observation and reflection. The *Immerse* MDiv offers the potential for a student to take biblical languages.

### **MISSION**

IMS 501:	Mission: Reach: Faith
IMS 601:	Mission: Reach: Gospel
IMS 701:	Mission: Reach: Culture
IMS 502:	Mission: Disciple: Scripture
IMS 602:	Mission: Disciple: Holiness
IMS 702:	Mission: Disciple: Worship
IMS 503:	Mission: Multiply: Vision
IMS 603:	Mission: Multiply: Hope
IMS 703:	Mission: Multiply: Community

### **MODE**

IMS 504:	Mode: Personal: Call
IMS 604:	Mode: Personal: Prayer
IMS 704:	Mode: Personal: Wisdom
IMS 505:	Mode: Relational: Incarnation
IMS 605:	Mode: Relational: Influence
IMS 705:	Mode: Relational: Family
IMS 506:	Mode: Structural: Church
IMS 606:	Mode: Structural: Groups
IMS 706:	Mode: Structural: History

### **MANNER**

IMS 507:	Manner: Conviction: God
IMS 607:	Manner: Conviction: Revelation
IMS 707:	Manner: Conviction: Creation
IMS 508:	Manner: Integrity: Humility
IMS 608:	Manner: Integrity: Grace
IMS 708:	Manner: Integrity: Justice
IMS 509:	Manner: Skill: Communication
IMS 609:	Manner: Skill: Leadership
IMS 709:	Manner: Skill: Love

The *Immerse* program requires two four-day weekend intensives each year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. They will also be videotaped and made available with live stream if practical. The overall learning experience is typically completed in the student's local context guided by a team of mentors. Traditional courses on the ACTS campus are available for audit for the *Immerse* student at no extra cost, as well as courses offered on Logos Mobile Ed.

Each *Immerse* student will explore various areas of study, customized within the *Immerse* outcomes listed above according to their needs. Credit achieved through the *Immerse* program is transferable in and out of traditional programs. With individual flexibility, online, intensive, classroom, and guided study may include assignments for the ministry learning outcomes that correspond to such courses or subjects as the following:

Old Testament Survey  
 New Testament Survey  
 Christian Theology 1 & 2  
 Biblical Hermeneutics  
 The Devout Life of Prayer & the Spirit  
 Spiritual Formation & Soul Care  
 Church History 1 & 2  
 Christianity, Vocation, & Culture  
 Expository Bible Preaching  
 The Public Reading of Scripture  
 Spiritual & Missional Leadership

Evangelism & World Missions  
 Pastoral Theology & Spiritual Care  
 Christian Worship  
 Tools for Biblical Interpretation  
 Christian Ethics  
 Expository Bible Teaching  
 Biblical Greek and/or Hebrew  
 Prayer & Spiritual Warfare  
 Organizational Leadership  
 Denominational Distinctive  
 Practices of Disciplemaking

