

Doctor of Divinity (D.Div) in Church Administration

Concentration Options:

- Finance & Stewardship
 - Mental Health and the Church
 - Church Nonprofit Management
 - Disabilities & Neurodiversity in Ministry
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Program Overview

Students complete 13 core courses (39 credits), 3 electives (9 credits), the Spiritual Life Coaching Program (30 credits), and the Capstone Thesis (12 credits).

Students may select **one concentration area**, taking **any three (3)** courses from that track (9 credits).

Finance & Stewardship Concentration (Choose Any 3 of 10 Courses)

(For students focused on financial leadership, economic ethics, and biblical stewardship.)

#	Course Title	Description
1	Financial Stewardship in the Kingdom	Biblical principles of money management and accountability in ministry.
2	The Joseph Principle: Resource Management	Using the example of Joseph to master budgeting, planning, and crisis finance.
3	The Treasurer's Anointing	Managing tithes, offerings, and designated funds with integrity and precision.

4	The Proverbs 31 Economy	Exploring business acumen, entrepreneurship, and resourcefulness through Proverbs 31.
5	Kingdom Wealth & Biblical Prosperity	Understanding wealth creation and stewardship without compromising biblical values.
6	Nehemiah's Project Leadership	Practical financial oversight in rebuilding, expansion, and construction projects.
7	The Storehouse Principle	Establishing church savings, emergency funds, and benevolence programs.
8	Faith & Finance: The Ministry Budget	How to design, manage, and communicate effective ministry budgets.
9	Economics of Giving and Generosity	A study on generosity, donor behavior, and biblical return principles.
10	The Scribe's Ledger	Practical bookkeeping, accounting software, and financial documentation for churches.

Mental Health and the Church Concentration (Choose Any 3 of 10 Courses)

(Covers spiritual and psychological wellness across the lifespan—from youth to older adults.)

#	Course Title	Description
1	Healing the Soul: Introduction to Christian Counseling	Foundational principles of faith-based emotional and spiritual care.
2	Youth Mental Wellness and Discipleship	Addressing anxiety, identity, and depression among youth and teens in the church.
3	The Renewed Mind: Adult Mental Health in Ministry	Understanding emotional fatigue, burnout, and recovery for ministry leaders.
4	Senior Saints: Mental Wellness in Aging Populations	Ministering to older adults facing grief, loneliness, and cognitive decline.
5	Deliverance and Emotional Healing	Discernment between spiritual oppression and mental illness.

6	Pastoral Care and Crisis Response	Responding to trauma, loss, and crisis situations with compassion and skill.
7	The Whole Person Approach	Integrating spiritual, physical, and emotional wellness in ministry.
8	Breaking the Stigma: Mental Health Awareness in the Church	Educating congregations about mental illness through biblical compassion.
9	Marriage, Family, and Emotional Intelligence	Emotional dynamics and conflict resolution within Christian families.
10	Restoring the Wounded Leader	Helping pastors and ministry workers heal from burnout and moral injury.

Church Nonprofit Management Concentration (Choose Any 3 of 10 Courses)

(Designed for students leading ministries, charities, or community-based faith organizations.)

#	Course Title	Description
1	The Nehemiah Blueprint: Building Ministry Structures	Strategic planning and leadership for nonprofit growth.
2	Biblical Leadership & Governance	Understanding boards, bylaws, and biblical authority structures.
3	Faith in Action: Program Design & Evaluation	How to create, measure, and sustain effective community outreach.
4	Grant Writing with Purpose	Biblical stewardship meets practical funding strategies for ministry projects.
5	The Servant Leader's Guide to Compliance	Navigating IRS 501(c)(3), charity law, and reporting obligations.
6	Community Partnership Development	Building collaborations between churches, schools, and local agencies.
7	Kingdom Impact Measurement	Assessing outcomes and data for ministry accountability and reporting.

8	Marketing the Mission	Ethical promotion and branding for faith-based organizations.
9	Volunteer Leadership & Management	Recruiting, training, and retaining ministry volunteers effectively.
10	Faith-Based Fundraising & Donor Stewardship	Cultivating donor relationships rooted in biblical generosity.

Disabilities & Neurodiversity in Ministry Concentration **(Choose Any 3 of 10 Courses)**

(Equips leaders to serve and include individuals with disabilities and neurodiverse needs.)

#	Course Title	Description
1	Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: Theology of Disability	Understanding the biblical view of human value and diversity.
2	Ministering to Neurodiverse Youth	Strategies for reaching children and teens with autism, ADHD, or sensory needs.
3	Inclusive Worship Environments	Adapting spaces, programs, and communication for accessibility.
4	The Healing Ministry of Jesus: Disability and Compassion	Examining how Christ's ministry modeled inclusion and restoration.
5	Counseling and Care for Families of the Disabled	Offering support and spiritual guidance to families navigating disability.
6	Accessibility in Church Operations	Legal and ethical considerations for facilities, websites, and events.
7	Serving the Silent: Ministry to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Communication tools and sensitivity for hearing-impaired congregants.
8	Mental Health and Neurodiversity Intersection	Understanding overlapping conditions and pastoral approaches.
9	Training Volunteers for Inclusive Ministry	Building effective teams to support accessibility and inclusion.



Capstone Project & Thesis

- **Thesis Length:** Minimum 7,000 words.
 - **Approval:** Thesis statement and outline must be approved by the Lamad University Academic Board.
 - **Publication:** Approved theses are published in the Lamad University Digital Library.
 - **Defense:** Oral presentation before a 3-member committee. This can be sent via videos speech using YOUTUBE. Your professor will instruct you on how to download your speech/oral presentation.
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Scholarship Option

Students who maintain a **75% (C average or higher)** in their core courses may qualify for the **Adell Foundation Partial Scholarship**, which waives tuition for:

- **Spiritual Life Coaching (30 credits)**
- **Field Service/Capstone Project (30 credits)**