

# MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.DIV.) NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES EMPHASIS



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Associate Dean of Students the Rev. Ayana Teter discusses the importance of cohort models in forming faithful leaders.

## ABOUT THE MASTER OF DIVINITY EMPHASIS IN LEADING NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

Through coursework and contextual practice, students will implement ideas and reflect on their leadership in community.

Internships with local planters in a variety of traditions and environments provide laboratories to observe, experiment, and convene new expressions of faithful Christian community. Funded internships to launch new communities invite creativity and offer just-in-time training, so that best practices are not just learned but utilized. The student cohort offers a holistic and reflective learning community and provides regular rhythms for the spiritual formation of participants. Through all these components, students cultivate their ability to listen and respond to the Holy Spirit's direction as they prepare to gather in new communities.

81  
CREDIT HOURS

3  
YEARS

27  
COURSES

## REQUIREMENTS

- Portfolio presentation
- Monthly lunch participation
- Start-up internship and Field Ed course
- Planting and Leading New Faith Communities course
- Biannual consultations
- Faith-based nonprofit training
- Hybrid coursework in Scripture, theology, history, and ministry
- Biblical language or English Bible exegesis
- Cross-cultural experience



is designed to be collaborative and transformative, practice oriented, and marked by real time ministry action and reflection in community.

## KEY RESOURCES

ONE-ON-ONE COLLABORATION WITH AIM DIRECTOR  
FIELD EDUCATION INTERNSHIP WITH LOCAL PARTNERS  
MONTHLY COHORT LUNCHES

FUNDED LAUNCH INTERNSHIPS  
CONNECTION TO A COLLABORATIVE ECOSYSTEM  
NEW FAITH COMMUNITY INTERCULTURAL TRIP

**M.DIV. NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES EMPHASIS CORE STUDENT COMPETENCIES**

**M.DIV. WITH NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES EMPHASIS PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

## LEARN MORE ABOUT PITTSBURGH SEMINARY'S HYBRID M.DIV. EMPHASIS IN FORMING NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES

Through coursework and contextual practice, students sharpen theological, local, and scriptural awareness, while learning how to receive and proclaim the good news of God in Christ in context. The **hybrid M.Div.** with Emphasis in Forming New Faith Communities can be taken either part or full time, with day and evening classes available. Because the program is hybrid, students can complete courses in person and online.

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