## Core Competencies for Ministry Master of Divinity Student ID #: Student Name:

Competency skills are needed by all ministers to successfully minister to the needs of people. Some competencies are similar in nature but are not found to the same degree in Pastors, Church Planters/Missionaries, Ministers of Education, and Ministers of Music. The purpose of this document is to describe the particular competency skills needed by the student in the M.Div. degree program.

Check the box with a number suggesting how experienced you are in a particular area (Experiential). Then check the box with a number that indicates how much knowledge you have in that area (Cognitive)

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L. Organizational Leadership Students will lead organizations (or assigned units within organizations) and demonstrate competence in directing and guiding.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive		2 	3 	4 	5 	6 	7 	8 	9   	10 	Very much
2. Organizational Planning Students will conceptualize the ministry of their organization and plan goals and strategies.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9	10 	Very much
<b>3. Personnel Leadership</b> Students will enlist, relate to, and motivate staff personnel and/or volunteers accountable to them.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4 □	5 	6   	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much
4. Small Group or responsibility. Whe deacons, church codemonstrate that the demonstrate the demonstrate the demonstrate that the demonstrate the	nen they ouncil, n	do not ha ominatir	ave the renge	esponsibi rty, finan	lity for le ce, pulpi	eading co	mmittees vill meet	s or church with thes	ch-elected	d group	s (i.e.
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much
5. Analyzing Org									ns, and de	etermine	e needs and
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1 	2 	3	4   	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much

<b>6. Relating to other Church and Community Organizations</b> Students will relate to other groups in the church, other churches, civic groups, ministerial groups, governmental agencies, and private resource agencies.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much
<b>7. Business Meetings or other decision-making body meetings</b> Students will conduct business meetings and demonstrate their proficiency with parliamentary procedure. When a student cannot conduct a business meeting, he/she should lead another decision-making body to demonstrate that he/she knows church polity.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1 	2 	3	4	5 	6   	7 	8	9	10 	Very much
8. Authority The	appropr	iate assu	mption a	nd use of	f persona	l and mi	nisterial a	authority	in servar	nt leader	ship.
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 	Very much
<b>9. Denominational Leadership</b> Students should participate in denominational activities (e.g., association or state convention) and demonstrate that they know how Baptist polity works.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much
10. Stewardship they know how to											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much
					CAR	E					
1. Pastoral Visita	<b>ition</b> Stu	ıdents sh	ould visi	t persons	s they ser	ve and ca	are for th	eir spiritu	ıal needs		
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much
2. Crisis Visitation tragedy, divorce, f							people e	xperience	e crisis si	tuations	(illness,
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2	3	4	5 	6	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much

5. nospitai visita	mon Su	idents sn	ouia visi	t mose m	iey serve	wno are	поѕрцап	zeu anu j	provide p	astorar	care.
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9	10 	Very much
<b>4. Bereavement Ministry</b> Students should provide ministry for persons undergoing bereavement. They should visit when there is a death, conduct funerals, and do follow-up counseling. Where conducting a funeral is not possible, students should participate in funerals with their Field Mentor. When this is not possible, students should attend funerals and demonstrate that they are aware of how to conduct a funeral. Students should be aware of local forms of funeral services and that these differ from place to place.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9	10 	Very much
<b>5. Grief Ministry</b> Students should demonstrate competence in ministering to persons undergoing grief not only in death but also in losses (such as jobs, health, friends), and where there are family crises and disappointments as well as divorce.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3 	4 	5 	6   	7 	8 	9 	10 	Very much
<b>6. Marriage Ministry</b> Students should provide pre-marital counseling and conduct a wedding. If this is not possible, students should attend weddings and demonstrate that they know how to do pre-marital counseling and perform wedding ceremonies. Student should be aware of church wedding policies. They should be aware of traditions about weddings in the community and that these differ from place to place.											
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9	10 	Very much
7. Pastoral Count	_			-			with peop	le they s	erve and	demons	strate that
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9	10 	Very much
8. Care for the P	oor Stu	dents sho	ould dem	onstrate o	care for t	he poor a	and unfor	tunate in	the chur	ch comi	munity.
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2	3	4 	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much

## **PROCLAIM**

<b>1. Preaching</b> Studen preaching. Studen proclamation of the for evaluation.	ts whose	ministry	y vocatio	nal plans	do not ii	nclude pr	eaching	should fi	nd oppor	tunities	for	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 	Very much	
<b>2. Evangelism</b> Students should regularly share their faith and bring others to a confession of Christian faith and commitment to Christ.												
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 	Very much	
3. Worship Stude	ents shou	ıld plan v	worship s	services a	and partic	cipate in	their lead	lership.				
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 	Very much	
<b>4. Baptism</b> Students should conduct or participate in the ordinance of Baptism. Where this is not possible in an actual service, they should practice the mechanics with an experienced minister.												
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4 	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much	
<b>5. Lord's Supper</b> Supper. Where thi minister.												
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much	
<b>6. Proclaim Justi</b> their proclaiming			l to be ad	vocates i	for justice	e in their	setting a	nd the la	rger com	munity a	as part of	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1 	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9   	10 	Very much	
7. Teach Student	s need to	demons	trate thei	r ability	to teach i	ndividua	ıls and gr	oups.				
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6   	7 	8 	9   	10 	Very much	

## **RELATE**

1. Relate to God	Relation	ship to C	God throu	ıgh a dai	ly devoti	onal peri	od that in	cludes S	cripture r	eading	and prayer.	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3 	4 □	5 	6 	7 	8 	9   	10 	Very much	
2. Relate to Famil extended family.	ly Stude	ents need	healthy,	positive	, and con	structive	relations	hips with	n their ma	ate, chil	dren, and	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10 	Very much	
<b>3. Relate to Church People</b> Students should be able to relate to church people on various levels of relationships. They should be able to relate to persons who support, oppose, or are indifferent to their programs or leadership.												
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9   	10 	Very much	
<b>4. Relate to Authority</b> Students should be able to relate to authority figures (religious and others).												
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9   	10 	Very much	
<b>5. Relate to Ethni</b> heritage.	ic Group	s Stude	nts shoul	d relate	to ethnic	groups c	ontextual	ly as wel	ll as to pe	ersons o	f their own	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	ry little 2	1 2 3	3 4 4 	5 6 5	7 8 6 	9 10 7	Very 1	much 9	10 	Very much	
6. Relate to Peers	Studen	ts need s	upportiv	e relation	iships wi	th peers i	n ministr	y and in	the churc	ch.		
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3 	4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9   	10 	Very much	
7. Relate to Socia the church and cor							ate to vari	ious soci	o-econor	nic grou	ıps within	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much	

<b>8. Relate to Staff</b> Students should demonstrate an appreciation for other staff positions and relate positively to the persons in those positions.												
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much	
<b>9. Relate to People with Disabilities</b> Students should be able to relate to persons with physical, emotional, and intellectual disabilities.												
Very little Experiential Cognitive		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 	Very much	
PERSONAL												
1. Call to Ministry Students need to clarify their call to ministry and what their call means in discipleship and life's vocation. This includes understanding their gifts.												
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much	
2. Discipline Stud	dents sho	ould dem	onstrate	satisfacto	ory self-d	iscipline	in persoi	nal, scho	ol, and vo	ocationa	l life.	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much	
3. Time Manager	nent Stu	idents sh	ould und	erstand a	and use p	rinciples	of time 1	nanagen	nent.			
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much	
4. Money Manag	ement S	Students	should be	e able to	exercise	proper m	oney ma	nagemen	and ste	wardshi	p.	
Very little Experiential Cognitive		2 	3	4	5 	6	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much	
<b>5. Person of Faitl</b> public affairs and			d be pers	ons of fa	ith, exhib	oiting inte	egrity, an	d trustwo	orthiness	in perso	onal and	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3 	4   	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much	

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Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9	10 	Very much
7. Self Understan emotions.	nding St	udents sh	nould be	able to u	nderstand	d themsel	lves, and	own and	deal app	ropriate	ely with their
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much
8. Ministry Resou	urces St	udents n	eed to or	ganize th	eir librar	ies and fi	iling syst	ems into	usable re	sources	s <b>.</b>
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2	3	4 	5 	6 	7 	8	9   	10 	Very much
9. Appearance S	tudents s	should dr	ess appro	opriately	and care	for them	selves w	ith prope	r hygiene	<b>e.</b>	
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2	3	4 	5 	6 	7 	8 	9   	10 	Very much
10. Attitude Stud	lents sho	uld exhil	oit an atti	tude of s	ervantho	od consis	stent with	n being a	Christiar	n minist	er.
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2	3	4	5 	6 	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much
11. Spiritual Disc	iplines	Students	should g	give evide	ence of h	aving de	veloped p	personal	spiritual o	disciplii	nes.
Very little Experiential Cognitive	1	2 	3	4	5 	6	7 	8	9 	10 	Very much