

Children and Family Ministry

The BA in Children's & Family Ministry is a program for those who feel called to be an advocate for children and their unique spiritual development within the church community and beyond. Students have the opportunity to live out what they learn in the classroom as they enter into practicums that equip them for church leadership in children's and family ministries.

As students study the Bible, theology, and psychology, as well as practice servant-hearted leadership, they develop a solid foundation for a life in ministry to children. Graduates from this program will go on to work as pastors in various capacities (such as children & family ministries pastor), in parachurch organizations, and in social work settings. Others will continue with graduate studies or pursue additional education as teachers.

Specifics

PURPOSE

This program is designed for those who are preparing specifically for Children's & Family Ministry. The core requirements provide a broad foundation of personal and pastoral development in understanding children and how best to nurture their spirituality through safe and meaningful ministry.

PROGRAM LENGTH

BACHELOR

129 credit hours
4 years full-time

DIPLOMA

66 credit hours
2 years full-time

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Dwight Stephen

PROGRAMS

OBJECTIVES

In addition to meeting the learning goals and objectives required for all degree programs, the Biblical Studies and Children's & Family Ministry Major will enable graduates to:

- Articulate a biblically and theologically infused personal philosophy of Children's Ministry.
- Incorporate childhood psycho-social-spiritual developmental theories into ministering to children.
- Understand how historical and cultural perspectives, both in and outside of churches, influenced ministering to children.
- Incorporate a theological grounding in Creation, Christ, and Salvation as it pertains to children and their spiritual identity.
- Become an advocate in the church and wider community for the health and wellbeing of children and their families.
- Exercise competencies in children's ministry, including teaching, nurturing spiritual formation, recruiting volunteers, and building teams.
- Plan programs and activities that promote children's involvement in the church that are safe and meaningful.

Major Requirements

The 66 credit core requirements provide a foundation in Bible, theology, and ministry formation, and the major requirements offer training and development in best practices for local and global leadership in growing multicultural contexts, with an emphasis on missional discipleship as follows:

GENERAL STUDIES COURSES

- The Christian Mind
- History of Christianity
- 1 General Elective

BIBLE AND THEOLOGY COURSES

- Gospels
- The Christian Mind
- Theology of God the Father
- 2 Bible & Theology Electives

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY COURSES

- Perspectives on the Child
- Teaching & Spiritual Development of Children
- Philosophy of Children's Ministry
- Children's Ministry Management
- Trends in Children & Family Ministry
- Family Systems

PRACTICUM

- Children's & Family Ministry Practicum

CAPSTONE

Senior Seminar

Program Checklist

Tuition Breakdown

This will give you an estimate of costs in your first year. Our 2023/2024 tuition is \$250 per credit hour.

\$12,560

Housing Breakdown

The community at PLBC is a huge part of the student experience.

The cost of dorms is **\$3,650** per semester.

Fee Breakdown

TUITION

- Tuition \$250.00
Per credit hour. Per semester.
- Audit Tuition \$50
Per course. Per semester.
- English Language Immersion Program
\$4850.00
Per semester.

APPLICATION FEES

- Application Fee \$50.00
Canadian and US Students.
- Application Fee For Foreign Students
\$80.00

CAMPUS STUDENT FEE

- Per Semester. Previously listed as separate fees: Fall Retreat. Student Fee. Library Fee.
- For students taking 9 credit hours or more \$450.00
- For students taking 8 credit hours or less \$60.00
Per credit hour.
- Summer Student Fee \$225.00

SPECIFIC FEES

- Fall Retreat Transportation Fee \$45.00
Room and Board \$325.00

PER SEMESTER:

- Graduation Fee \$150.00
- Late Graduation Fee \$50.00