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Characteristics of our Programs

CCST Vancouver Educational Philosophy

"Formed Theologically, Act Missionally" is the educational philosophy of CCST Vancouver. Christ's life is concretely theological. At the age of 12, he was committed to his Father's affairs and entered into debate with the teachers at the Temple. The life of the disciples are formed during their walk with Jesus, and they afterwards continued to bear faithful witness on earth for the Lord. To be formed theologically means also to act missionally, to serve God, the Church, and people in the world. At CCST Vancouver, we join in this same path to extend the Kingdom.

The Immerse Hybrid Learning

Our immerse hybrid courses are designed to ensure that students' theological education is firmly rooted in the faith and ministry communities they live and serve. Through flexible learning modalities, students can balance their professional responsibilities with their academic pursuits, and those already engaged in ministry can continue their education seamlessly. Students residing in other regions of Canada or across the globe who are unable to attend in person in Vancouver can also enroll in these programs. Students must commit themselves to a local ministry internship to fulfill their field education requirements and secure a local pastor who will commit to be their mentor through the program. All immerse hybrid courses include mandatory in-person retreats and intensive learning sessions in Vancouver, offering students from various regions and learning modalities the opportunity to connect and cultivate a vibrant community life together.

Expanding Theological Horizons

Theological inquiry will serve as the cornerstone of all CCST Vancouver programs. Theology, as the intellectual foundation of faith, invites us to embrace the wisdom God has granted, grounded in Scripture and the tradition of the church throughout the ages, to engage in deep reflection, discovery, and expansion.

Integrating Ministry and Theological Reflection

Thinking theologically for ministry is a core component of all our programs. The rigorous methodology employed in these courses inspire students to respond effectively to the challenges of diverse ministry contexts. *The Capstone Project*, required for master's degree students, is an integrative writing project that enables students to conduct an in-depth analysis in their ministry context through doing literature review and engaging in critical reflection. The purpose is to discern the critical issues regarding theology, culture, ethics and pastoral concerns, in order to propose informed strategies.

Balancing Theory and Practice

Effective church ministry requires leaders to possess a profound understanding of Scripture and theology, combined with spiritual and personal maturity necessary to lead with integrity. Both the Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies programs include internship requirements, offering students the opportunity to apply classroom learning in realistic ministry settings. Through a mentorship model within the field education units, students benefit from the wisdom and experience of senior ministry mentors.

Community Life

A strong sense of community and close student-faculty relationships are defining characteristics of CCST Vancouver. Students, whether participating in person or through immersive hybrid program, are assigned to care groups where they can build meaningful relationships and support one another. The weekly worship services held, whether to take part in-person or in hybrid mode, will foster communal life of worship and ministries.

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Master of Divinity (In-person or immerse hybrid)

Program Description

The Master of Divinity program (90 credits) is designed to prepare pastors and Christian ministry leaders serving in the context of the Chinese church. This program is designed with a solid biblical framework, strong theological thinking, personal and spiritual formation, ministry skill development integrated with interdisciplinary, case-based, and experiential learning in a community setting. Students in the M.Div. program must fulfill a field education requirement. The Regular M.Div. program can be completed with a 3-year full-time residency on the main campus.

The Immerse hybrid M.Div. program (90 credits) offers a flexible alternative for applicants who are working and studying at the same time, those who are already in ministry wishing to pursue study, and students who live outside the Greater Vancouver area or outside Canada who are unable to move to Vancouver for 3 years to complete the regular M.Div. program residency. The Immerse hybrid M.Div. program requires 3 intensive residencies (10-14 days) in Vancouver connected to the annual student retreat with the rest of the program requirements to be completed online. The design of the Immerse hybrid M.Div. program is rooted in the context of the students' faith and ministry community they live and serve. Students must commit themselves to a local ministry internship to fulfill their field education requirements and secure a local pastor who will commit to be their mentor through the program.

Program Outcomes

Upon the completion of program, students shall

- 1. Deepen their love for God and their neighbours;
- 2. Develop a solid understanding of the Christian heritage, including the Scripture, theological foundations and history of the global Church;
- 3. Understand and appreciate the cultural contexts in which they serve and live as well as gaining an awareness of the global Church and society;
- 4. Cultivate sustainable practices for personal and spiritual formation, professional ethics, emotional maturity, and moral integrity; and
- 5. Deepen their understanding and advance in the praxis of Christian ministry.

MDiv. (In-person or immerse hybrid) - Program Requirements

Foundations of the	Biblical Interpretation: Theories and Practice (3)
Christian Heritage	*Thinking Theologically for Ministry 1 (3)
(30 credits)	Theological Investigation 1&2 (6)
	Church History Insights for Today 1&2 (6)
	Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey of the Old Testament and
	New Testament (6)
	OT Book Study (3)
	NT Book Study (3)
Biblical Languages (12 credits)	Hebrew 1&2 (6) Greek 1&2 (6)
Personal &	Spiritual Formation: Theology & Praxis (3)
Spiritual Formation	Christian Ethics (3)
(6 credits)	Non-credit requirements*
Pastoral	Preaching (3)
Ministry	Pastoral Care Ministry (3)
Integration	NextGen Formation (3)
(12 credits)	NextGen Christian Leadership (3)
Contextual	*Thinking Theologically for Ministry 2 (3)
Synthesis	Mission of the Church (3)
(18 credits)	Christian Faith and Culture (3)
	Field Education (6)
	*Capstone Project (3)
Free Electives	Worship, Christian Education, Church Administration, Advanced
(12 credits)	Preaching, etc.
Non-credit	Orientation module (research and writing), retreat, chapel, community
requirements	groups, community engagement (P/F) – 3 times

Students enrolled in the Immerse hybrid M.Div. program must travel to Vancouver three times for in-person intensive learning sessions and student retreats (each lasting 10-14 days). Other course requirements can be completed online, with the option to take up to 6 courses in person.



Advanced Master of Divinity (In-person or immerse hybrid)

Program Description

Advanced M.Div. Program (60 credits) is designed for applicants who have completed a Bible college or university religious study degree with comparable curriculum to a B.Th. degree or those who have completed a M.C.S. or M.T.S. degree from other seminaries, may apply for up to 12 shared credits from the M.C.S. or M.T.S. program to be counted towards the Advanced M.Div. requirements.

The Immerse hybrid Advance M.Div. program offers a flexible alternative for applicants who are working and studying at the same time, those who are already in ministry wishing to pursue study, and students who live outside the Greater Vancouver area or outside Canada who are unable to move to Vancouver for 3 years to complete the regular M.Div. program residency. The Immerse hybrid Advanced M.Div. program requires 3 intensive residencies (10-14 days) in Vancouver connected to the annual student retreat with the rest of the program requirements to be completed online. The design of the Immerse hybrid Advanced M.Div. program is rooted in the context of the students' faith and ministry community they live and serve. Students must commit themselves to a local ministry internship to fulfill their field education requirements and secure a local pastor who will commit to be their mentor through the program.

Program Outcomes

Upon the completion of program, students shall

- 1. Deepen their love for God and their neighbours;
- 2. Develop a solid understanding of the Christian heritage, including the Scripture, theological foundations and history of the global Church;
- 3. Understand and appreciate the cultural contexts in which they serve and live as well as gaining an awareness of the global Church and society;
- 4. Cultivate sustainable practices for personal and spiritual formation, professional ethics, emotional maturity, and moral integrity; and
- 5. Deepen their understanding and advance in the praxis of Christian ministry.

Advanced MDiv. (In-person or immerse hybrid) - Program Requirements

Foundations of the	Thinking Theologically for Ministry 1 (3)
Christian Heritage	*Theological Investigation 1 (3)
(12 credits)	OT Book Study (3) NT Book Study (3)
Biblical Languages	If applicants do not have equivalent qualifications in biblical languages for the M.Div. program, they will need to take additional biblical language credits. These credits do not count toward the graduation requirements.
Personal &	Spiritual Formation: Theology & Praxis (3)
Spiritual Formation	Christian Ethics (3) Non-credit requirements*
(6 credits)	
Pastoral	Preaching (3)
Ministry	Pastoral Care Ministry (3)
Integration	• ` ` ,
(12 credits)	NextGen Formation (3)
	Christian Leadership (3)
Contextual	*Thinking Theologically for Ministry 2 (3)
Synthesis (18	Mission of the Church (3)
credits)	Christian Faith and Culture (3)
	Field Education (6)
	Capstone Project (3)
Free Electives	Worship, Christian Education, Church Administration, Advanced
(12 credits)	Preaching, etc.
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Non-credit	Orientation module (research and writing), retreat, chapel, community
requirements	groups, community engagement $(P/F) - 2$ times

Students enrolled in the Immerse hybrid Advance M.Div. program must travel to Vancouver two times for in-person intensive learning sessions and student retreats (each lasting 10-14 days). Other course requirements can be completed online, with the option to take up to 4 courses in person.



Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) (In-person or immerse hybrid)

Program Description

The Master of Theological Studies program (60 credits) is designed for Christian leaders for specialized ministry or those who desire to deepen their understanding of faith and vocation. Students can choose to focus their study in one of the three specializations offered: (1) spiritual formation, (2) NextGen ministry, and (3) reading and teaching the Bible. This program is designed with a solid biblical framework, strong theological thinking, personal and spiritual formation, ministry skills development integrated with interdisciplinary, case-based, and experiential learning in a community setting. Students in the M.T.S. program will have the opportunity to engage in a practicum experience and design a capstone project. The Regular M.T.S. program can be completed with a 2-year full-time residency on the main campus.

The Immerse hybrid M.T.S. program (60 credits) offers a flexible alternative for applicants who wish to stay with their current profession and pursue study part-time, students who live outside the Greater Vancouver area or outside Canada who are unable to move to Vancouver for 2 years to complete the regular M.T.S. program residency. The Immerse hybrid M.T.S. program requires 2 intensive residencies (10-14 days) in Vancouver connected to the annual student retreat with the rest of the program requirements to be completed online. The design of the Immerse hybrid M.T.S. program is rooted in the context of the students' faith and community where they live and serve. Students must secure an experienced ministry leader who will commit to be their mentor through the program. The mentor must agree to attend CCST Vancouver's mentor's training.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the M.T.S. program, students shall:

- 1. Deepen their love for God and their neighbours;
- 2. Gain a deeper understanding of their faith and vocation;
- 3. Develop a solid understanding of the Christian heritage, including understanding of scripture, the theological traditions and history of the global church;
- 4. Cultivate sustainable practices for personal and spiritual formation; and
- 5. Develop a solid foundation in both the theory and practice in their area of specialization.

Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) (In-person or immerse hybrid) - Program Requirements

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Foundations of the Christian Heritage (30 credits)	Biblical Interpretation: Theories and Practice (3) *Thinking Theologically for Ministry 1 (3) Theological Investigation 1&2 (6) Church History Insights for Today 1&2 (6) Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey of the Old Testament and New Testament (6) OT Book Study (3) NT Book Study (3)
Personal & Spiritual Formation (3 credits)	Spiritual Formation: Theology & Praxis (3)
Specialization or Free Electives (12 credits)	Spiritual Formation Track NextGen Formation (3) 2 electives in SF (6) Christian Leadership (3) NextGen Ministry Track NextGen Formation (3) 2 electives in NextGen Ministry (6) Christian Leadership (3) Reading and Teaching the Bible Track
	OT/NT Book Study (3) Biblical languages (6) Christian Education (3)
Contextual Synthesis (15 credits)	*Thinking Theologically for Ministry 2 (3) Mission of the Church (3) Christian Faith and Culture (3) Contextual Ministry Experience (3) Capstone Project (3)
Non-credit requirements	Orientation module (research and writing), retreat, chapel, community groups, community engagement (P/F) – 2 times

Students enrolled in the Immerse hybrid M.T.S. program must travel to Vancouver two times for in-person intensive learning sessions and student retreats (each lasting 10-14 days). Other course requirements can be completed online, with the option to take up to 4 courses in person.



Diploma in Christian Studies (In-person, immerse hybrid or Online)

Program Description

The Diploma in Christian Studies program (30 credits) aims to equip brothers and sisters to deepen their biblical understanding, to grow in their faith and to expand on their ministry skills. Graduates from this program are eligible to transfer all courses with grade B- or above to our M.T.S. or M.Div. program upon final approval by the registrar's office. Regular Dip. C.S. program can be completed with a one-year full-time residency.

The Online Dip. C.S. is rooted in the context of the students' faith and community they live and serve. It is designed to provide maximum flexibility for the enrichment of lay Christians or ministry workers who are unable to attend courses in the main campus location. Students in the online Dip. C.S. program is required to be an active church participant. (This program is not eligible for applying student permit.)

Diploma in Christian Studies (In-person or immerse hybrid) - Program Requirements

Foundations of the Christian Heritage	Biblical Interpretation: Theories and Practice (3) Theological Investigation 1 (3) Church History Insights for Today 1 or 2 (3)
(12 credits)	Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey of the Old Testament and New Testament (3)
Personal & Spiritual Formation (3 credits)	Spiritual Formation: Theology & Praxis (3)
Free Electives (15 credits)	Any course from any master's program.
Non-credit requirements	Orientation module (research and writing), community groups



Advanced Diploma in Practical Theology (In person or immerse hybrid)

Program Description

CCST Vancouver believes strongly in the philosophy of lifelong learning and is committed to provide relevant educational offerings to support personal, spiritual, and professional growth of ministry leaders. The Advanced Diploma in Practical Theology program is a professional development opportunity designed to equip pastors and ministry leaders further in both their theological thinking and ministry skills.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Advanced Diploma in Practical Theology program, students shall:

- 1. Develop advanced theological integration that helps graduates effectively engage their cultural context with theological acumen and critical thinking;
- 2. Expand leadership capacity and skills that enhance their effectiveness as ministry leaders in their specific context;
- 3. Grow in personal, spiritual, intellectual, and emotional maturity that reinvigorates and deepens their vocational calling.

Advanced Diploma in Practical Theology - Program requirements

Required Courses (9 credits)	The Leader as Theologian: Thinking Theologically for Ministry (3) The Generative Leader: Mentorship and Coaching (3) The Leader's Wellbeing (3)
Free Electives (9 credits)	Any course at the doctoral level.



Doctor of Ministry (In-person or immerse hybrid)

Program Description

CCST Vancouver believes strongly in the philosophy of lifelong learning and is committed to provide relevant educational offerings to support personal, spiritual, and professional growth of ministry leaders. The Doctor of Ministry program is a professional development opportunity designed to equip pastors and ministry leaders further in both their theological thinking and ministry skills, especially in a Chinese church context. The program is for those holding an M.Div. degree or its equivalent with a minimum 3 years of full-time ministry experience. To maximize flexibility for those working full-time, students are only required to attend a 2-week module in residence two times during the program and the rest of the requirements can be completed online.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the D.Min. program, students shall:

- 1. Develop advanced theological integration to help graduates effectively engage their cultural context with theological acumen and critical thinking;
- 2. Gain in-depth contextual competency that gives graduates the ability to identify, frame, and respond to crucial ministry issues;
- 3. Expand leadership capacity and skills that enhance their effectiveness as ministry leaders in their specific context;
- 4. Grow in personal, spiritual, intellectual, and emotional maturity that reinvigorate and deepen their vocational calling;
- 5. Contributes missional impact to God's kingdom through thoughtful research and reflection on a ministry subject that goes beyond one's immediate context.

Doctor of Ministry - Program Requirements

Required Courses (12 credits)	The Leader as Scholar: Research Methodology (3) The Leader as Theologian: Thinking Theologically for Ministry (3) The Generative Leader: Mentorship and Coaching (3)
Free Electives (12 credits)	The Leader's Wellbeing (3) Free electives (9) Special Topic Guided Study (3)
Thesis (12 credits)	Project Design and Proposal Thesis (9): thesis writing and peer research critique Thesis Extension (if necessary, repeatable per term)

Vision statement of CCST Vancouver

Based on biblical truth, we provide relevant theological training to nurture God's servants to pass on ministry and mission, fulfilling Christ's commandment.

Mission statement of CCST Vancouver

To nurture God's servants and equip the laity.

Motto of CCST Vancouver

'And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.' 2 Tim.2:2 (NIV)





