

## **Master of Divinity (MDiv) Equivalency Requirements**

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary is guided by admission and program standards set by our accrediting agencies. Those admitted to the DMin program must hold an accredited Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent. Academic transcript(s) from an applicant who does not have an MDiv degree from an ATS accredited institution are reviewed by the Doctor of Ministry Committee to determine if the applicant's completed graduate work is "equivalent" to an MDiv degree.

To be considered equivalent to an MDiv, Louisville Seminary requires ordinarily that an applicant will have earned a total of 72 master's-level semester credit hours. Additionally, instruction in the following core areas must constitute part of the 72 hours:

- **BIBLE:** a minimum of four courses, or 12 credit hours, that will normally include two courses in Old Testament and two courses in New Testament, one of which will be an exegesis course.
- **THEOLOGY, HISTORY, AND ETHICS:** a minimum of six courses, or 18 credit hours, that normally include at least two courses in theology, two courses in history, one course in the sociology of religion/religion and culture, and one course in ethics;
- **MINISTRY:** a minimum of four courses, or 12 credit hours, in fields related to practical ministry (including but not limited to pastoral care, worship and preaching, Christian education, spiritual formation, evangelism and mission, etc.).

The remaining 30 credits may be taken in electives germane to the MDiv degree and to the applicant's own place and role in ministry.