



## Master of Divinity / Master of Social Work Dual Degrees



**The Mission:** to prepare individuals for positions of leadership and service in the social agencies of the church and the community at large.

**Objectives:** to equip graduates for various forms of ministry and service in which clinical and administrative skills in social work and theology are critical; to enable students to perform and evaluate social work practices in the light of theological, biblical, theoretical (bio-psychosocial-spiritual and person-in-environment framework), ethical, pastoral, social justice, and empirical perspectives; and to prepare students for service in occupations where social work and the church's ministries intersect.

**Program Description:** This program can be completed in four continuous years of full-time study (as opposed to 5 years) and leads to a Master of Divinity degree conferred by Duke University and a Master of Social Work degree conferred by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Completion of the Dual Degree requires strict adherence to course sequence and curriculum design. The program cannot be shortened significantly by taking courses in summer session at either school.

**Distinctive Features of the Program:** Two integrative seminars co-led by a member of the University of North Carolina Social Work faculty and a member of the faculty of Duke Divinity School are taken in the first and final year of study. These seminars enable the student to integrate theological, biblical, theoretical, ethical, pastoral, social justice, empirical, and practical dimensions of social work.

The Robertson Scholars' bus, offering free transportation between both schools, is available to all students enrolled in the Dual Degree program.

**Requirements for Admission:** Applicants for the MDIV/MSW dual degree program typically will have received a bachelor's degree (BA or BS) from a four-year college or university accredited by one of the nationally recognized regional accrediting agencies in the United States or hold an equivalent educational credential from another country. Application must be made separately to Duke Divinity School and UNC-CH School of Social Work. Acceptance into one of the programs does not guarantee acceptance into the other. In addition to the application, the School of Social Work requires a personal statement, three letters of reference, and recent scores from the Graduate Record Examination. Students will not be able to transfer into the Dual Degree program from other universities.

Each semester, tuition and other expenses are paid to the school at which the student is taking classes.

### **Credits for Each Program:**

**MDIV:** Graduation requirements consist of satisfactory completion of 24 courses (72 semester hours), with an overall grade point average of **C** (2.0) or better: nine basic courses or their equivalent; five limited electives; ten electives; two units of approved field education; and four evaluations (two field education evaluations, a Middler Evaluation, and a Senior Evaluation). In the dual degree program, four courses (12 credit hours) are shared between the two degrees, reducing the number of courses required for the Master of Divinity degree to 20 (60 credit hours). Because of these



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reduced required hours and the addition of two integrative electives unique to the dual degree, the dual degree allows for only four true electives. Because of judicatory requirements, United Methodists have no true electives. Due to the tight requirements of the dual degree program, students wishing to pursue a biblical language must take the language during the summer. Students who are seeking ordination must receive permission from their respective judicatories to enroll in the dual degree program.

**MSW:** Sixty-two (62) credit hours are required, of these, 26 are Foundation and 36 are Concentration credits. Students select one of two concentrations: Direct Practice or Management and Community Practice. Within each concentration, students may select one of three fields of practice: Services to the Aging, Health & Mental Health Services, or Services to Families & Children. Twelve of the 62 credit hours are shared with the Master of Divinity degree program, reducing the credit hours to 50.

### Matriculating Students

**Full Time** students will apply to the dual degree program at both schools and begin the program at Duke Divinity. Students will defer the enrollment for two years at the School of Social Work. The First Integrative Seminar will be taken in the Spring of the first year of the dual degree program.

**Part-time MSW** students will apply to the dual degree program at the time of application to the School of Social Work. They will enter the dual degree program full-time at the beginning of their third year. This third year will begin at Duke Divinity. Students will complete two years of coursework at Duke and then return to UNC to complete the final concentration year of their MSW. Additionally, they must take the 1<sup>st</sup> Integrative Field Seminar during the Spring semester of their second year.

**Advanced Standing MSW** students (who are already experiencing a reduction in enrollment at the UNC School of Social Work) will be eligible for the dual degree program. They must begin the dual degree program at Duke Divinity school and then enter the School of Social Work during the summer following their last semester at the Divinity school. Advanced Standing students will not be able to reduce any of their required coursework when they enter the School of Social Work. The concentration field placement will be their third placement. The Advance Standing student will be required to take both of Duke's Field Education Placements.

### Divinity School Required Limited Electives

Duke Divinity School requires the following electives: One course from the Church Ministry Limited Electives (along with one full year of small group, designated Church Ministry 1 and Church Ministry 2). *One course in New Testament Exegesis (from designated list). One course in Black Church Studies (from designated list). One course from World Christianity (from designated list) or American Christianity 28. The Practicing Theology in Ministry Limited Elective requirement is fulfilled by the capstone course taken in the last semester.*



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### Field Education

A total of four field education placements are required for the dual degree.

#### Duke Divinity School

Two units of approved field education are required by the Divinity School. They are met through either part-time academic year placements (thirty weeks) or full-time summer placements (ten to twelve weeks). One of the Divinity School field education placements must be in a congregational setting.

#### School of Social Work

The School of Social Work requires four semester-long courses (SoWo 220, 221, 222, 223) of approved field education. The first two courses occur during Year 3 and consist of 480 hours over two semesters. This placement typically amounts to two full days a week for a total of 60 days. The third and fourth courses occur during the final year at the SSW and consists of 720 hours over two semesters. This placement typically amounts to three full days a week for a total of 90 days.

The Concentration Year field placement at the School of Social Work will be an Integrated Field Placement fulfilling requirements for the semester-long SOWO 223 and SOWO 224. The Field office and the Faculty Advisors will work together to coordinate these placements

#### Part-Time MSW Students Field Education

Part-time students will take their Integrative field placement (SOWO 223 and SOWO 224) in year five when they enter their full-time year at the SSW.

#### Faculty Advisors

A dual degree student is assigned a faculty advisor in each school who also serves as a program advisor for academic/administrative needs of the program. It is expected that on-going collaboration will occur between faculty advisors in the two schools.

#### For Additional Information, Contact:

**Duke Divinity School:** Cheryl Brown, Office of Admissions, Duke Divinity School, Box 90965, Durham, NC 27708-0965, (919) 660-3436, E –mail: [admissions@div.duke.edu](mailto:admissions@div.duke.edu)

**University of North Carolina School of Social Work:** Amelia C. Roberts, Program Co-ordinator, (919) 962-6428 or Vanessa Hodges, Associate Dean for Academic Services, (919) 962-6441. School of Social Work Admissions Office, Tate-Turner – Kuralt Building, Room 370-C, 301 Pittsboro Street, CB#3550, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3550. Email: [amrobert@email.unc.edu](mailto:amrobert@email.unc.edu) Email: [vghodges@email.unc.edu](mailto:vghodges@email.unc.edu)



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**First and Second Year Begins at Duke Divinity School  
Additional Requirements for United Methodists in Bold**

| First Year – Fall - Duke Divinity                                   | Spring – Duke Divinity                                |
|---|---|
| <b>CHURMIN 1 Spiritual Formation (non-credit)</b>                   | <b>CHURMIN 2 Spiritual Formation (non-credit)</b>     |
| <b>Church History 13</b>  | <b>Church History 14</b>                              |
| <b>Old Testament 11</b>   | <b>Old Testament 12</b>                               |
| <b>Church Ministry LE</b>   | <b>New Testament 18</b>                               |
| <i>World Christianity LE/ or</i><br><b>American Christianity 28</b> | MDIV/MSW Integrative Elective—<br><b>PASTCARE 101</b> |

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| Academic Year Placement 1      (Optional: Summer Placement) |
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| Second Year – Fall - Duke Divinity   | Spring – Duke Divinity             |
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| <b>Christian Theology 32</b>         | <b>Christian Ethics 33</b>         |
| Elective (Methodists = PARISH 159)   | Elective (Methodists = PARISH 160) |
| Elective (Methodist =Worship LTS 78) | <b>Preaching 30</b>                |
| Elective (Methodist =Evangelism)     | <i>Black Church LE</i>             |

***Middler Evaluation***

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| Academic Year Placement 2      (Optional: Summer Placement) |
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| Third Year – Fall- School of Social Work                         | Spring - Both Schools                                     |
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| SoWo 101 Foundations of Social Welfare and Social Work           | SoWo 102 -Introduction to Research Methods in Social Work |
| SoWo 103 Family and Individual Development                       | SoWo 203 – Discrimination and Inequality                  |
| SoWo 224 Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities | MDIV Elective (Advanced Policy Substitute Course)         |
| SoWo 227 Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families      | MDIV Elective   |

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| SoWo 220 Social Work Practicum I (4) | SoWo 221 Social Work Practicum II (4) |
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| Fourth Year –Fall – School of Social Work | Spring - Both Schools   |
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| <i>MDiv New Testament Exegesis LE</i>     | <i>MDIV/MSW Integrative Capstone Elective (Fulfills PTM LE)</i> |
| SoWo xxx Advanced Practice                | MSW Elective (Advanced Practice Selective)                      |
| SoWo 292 Advanced Research                | MSW Elective  |
| SOWO 222 III                              | SOWO 223 IV   |
| Integrative Placement (Year Long)         |   |

***Senior Evaluation***



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*Paradigm for students who begin at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.*

**Students who begin at the School of Social Work and then apply and enter the Dual Degree Program will complete their first year at UNC-CH, then enter and complete two years at Duke, and return for the fourth and final year at UNC-CH SSW.**

#### First Year –Fall – School of Social Work

#### Spring – Both Schools

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| SoWo 101 Foundations of Social Welfare and Social Work           | SoWo 102 –Introduction to Research Methods in Social Work |
| SoWo 103 Family and Individual Development                       | SoWo 203 – Discrimination and Inequality                  |
| SoWo 224 Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities | Recommend Advanced HBSE, Advanced Policy                  |
| SoWo 227 Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families      | Required or Advanced Practice Section                     |

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| SoWo 220 Social Work Practicum I | SoWo 221 Social Work Practicum II |
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#### Second Year – Fall- Duke Divinity

#### Spring – Duke Divinity

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| <b>CHURMIN 1 Spiritual Formation (non-credit)</b>        | <b>CHURMIN 2 Spiritual Formation (non-credit)</b> |
| <b>Church History 13</b>                                 | <b>Church History 14</b>                          |
| <b>Old Testament 11</b>                                  | <b>Old Testament 12</b>                           |
| <b>Church Ministry LE</b>                                | <b>New Testament 18</b>                           |
| <i>World Christianity LE or American Christianity 28</i> | MDIV/MSW Integrative Elective PC 101              |

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| Academic Year Placement 1 | (Optional: Summer Placement) |
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#### Third Year – Fall- Duke Divinity

#### Spring – Duke Divinity

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| <b>Christian Theology 32</b>         | <b>Christian Ethics 33</b>         |
| Elective (Methodists = PARISH 159)   | Elective (Methodists = PARISH 160) |
| Elective (Methodists=Worship LTS 78) | <b>Preaching 30</b>                |
| Elective (Methodists=Evangelism)     | <i>Black Church LE</i>             |

#### **Middler Evaluation**

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| Academic Year Placement 2 | (Optional: Summer Placement) |
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#### Fourth Year –Fall- School of Social Work

#### Spring – Both Schools

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| <i>MDiv New Testament Exegesis LE</i> | <i>MDIV-MSW Integrative Capstone Elective (Fulfills PTM LE)</i> |
| SoWo xxx Advanced Practice            | SoWo xxx Advanced Practice Selective                            |
| SoWo 292 Advanced Research            | MDIV Elective   |
| SoWo 222 III                          | SoWo 223 IV   |

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| Concentration – Integrative Placement (Year Long) |
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### **Senior Evaluation**