

Program Description

Columbia's **Church Ministry degree** is designed for students preparing to serve the local church. This program is built on Columbia's practical theology core curriculum, that helps students to develop a Christ-centered identity as well as grow in their clarity and confidence regarding the unique contribution they can make. The Church Ministry degree equips students to lead with a broad range of ministry skills, while also giving students the opportunity to gain a more specific skill-set by completing a concentration in one of three areas: Youth Ministry, Worship Arts, or Biblical Studies. The Church Ministry degree is suitable for any student who loves God, loves people, is oriented toward service, and has a desire to see the church thrive.

Program Objectives

1. Students will develop a biblical definition of ministry that leads to practical engagement with the local church.
2. Students will grow in their ability to maintain an other-centered posture that listens to the Spirit, cares for the congregation, engages missionally with neighbours, and converses with culture in healthy ways.
3. Students will learn how to plan and implement services and events that build up the church and foster transformation.
4. Students will become conversant with church structure, polity, budgeting, and the practicalities of running a complex organization.
5. Students will explore self-management, self-care, and spiritual formation—increasing their personal spiritual, physical, and mental health so as to be better able to serve others.