

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 in ministry settings. 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 two areas: Youth Ministry or Worship Arts. 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 Outcomes

1. Students will be anchored in a biblical and Christian understanding of ministry that leads to practical engagement with the local church.
2. Students will develop 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 grow a capacity 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 demonstrate practices of self-care and spiritual formation that enhance their spiritual, physical, and mental well-being for effective service to others.

