

Seminaries offering online classes/programs

These schools offer a variety of online options for ministerial training. Some are full MDiv programs, while others offer certificates in ministry education. Online resources are changing rapidly, so it's worth checking back periodically in case a school has added more online options.

Andover-Newton Theological Seminary (UCC)

<http://www.ants.edu/learn-program/>

The Local Education and Renewal Network (LEARN) provides universal access to the outstanding learning resources of the Andover Newton community via an internet-based, on-line approach. These noncredit seminars are aimed at a variety of specific needs and educational levels and are open enrollment. You do not have to be a matriculated Andover Newton student to attend.

Chaminade University (Roman Catholic)

<http://www.chaminade.edu/hfa/religious.php>

Located in Honolulu, Chaminade offers a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Religious Studies or in Christian Studies (the latter has a slightly higher requirement of biblical study). This is an interdisciplinary program that includes church history, human behavior, and world religions, as well as Christian biblical study.

Chicago Theological Seminary (UCC)

<https://www.ctschicago.edu/cts-online/prospective-students/why-cts-online>

They offer Master of Divinity; Master of Arts (Religious Studies); Master of Arts in Religious Leadership; Certificate Program; Distance Scholar; and STM entirely online. "Now you don't have to come here to go here. CTS offers many of its world class courses and degree programs online. Same great teachers. Same great student dialogue. Only now online."

Claremont School of Theology (United Methodist)

<http://cst.edu/academics/m-div/hybridonline-master-of-divinity/>

This United Methodist school is considered to be on the progressive edge, and is somewhat ecumenical in its character and outlook. They also have a Center for Pacific and Asian-American studies. They have a wide range of online classes, and are moving toward a degree program that will require minimal on campus presence (perhaps one or two one-week intensives per year with the rest online).

Drew University (United Methodist)

<http://www.drew.edu/theological/programs-of-study/doctor-of-ministry/global-online/>

"This program concentration is open to ministerial leaders anywhere in the world who meet qualifications for admission and have access to the Internet. A futurist-oriented program designed for ministerial leaders with a distinguished record of innovative ministry, the online curriculum includes: change leadership, leadership navigational skills, Christian futuring, ancient/future ecclesiology, and postmodern evangelism. Requires attendance at selected Drew national consultations, three online courses and a three-week summer intensive."

Earlham School of Religion (Quaker)

Through a program called ESR Access, students can complete an MDiv degree online. Most classes are asynchronous, meaning you access them on your own schedule. However, they are also moving towards synchronous classes in which online students are “present” in the classroom in real time, via computer screens on the classroom walls. This way, students can interact more fully, as if they are physically present in the classroom. Most classes are offered in the evening in the Indiana time zone, which means roughly noon-3p.m. HST. For more information, visit <http://esr.earlham.edu/esr-access/online-courses>.

Eden (UCC)

www.eden.edu

No online classes seem available at this time.

Fuller Theological Seminary (Ecumenical)

<http://stage.fuller.edu/flexible-degrees/>

Fuller Seminary in Pasadena offers three masters degrees—MA in Inter-Cultural Studies, MA in Theology and Ministry, and MA in Global Leadership—in primarily online settings. One completes three one-week seminars at the campus, and can complete the rest of the materials online. Full-time attendance generally means the degree can be completed in three years.

Garrett-Evangelical Theological School (United Methodist)

<http://www.garrett.edu/aca-online-courses>

Like many schools, Garrett-Evangelical is reluctant to switch over to full online degrees, but they do offer some of their classes in online settings.

Iliff School of Theology (United Methodist)

While a United Methodist seminary, Iliff works closely with the United Church of Christ and several other denominations; they boast a student body that represents some 40 traditions. One can work on a degree, or simply acquire further education, online. For more information go to <http://www.iliff.edu/degrees-certificates/online-or-traditional/>

Lancaster Theological Seminary (UCC)

www.lancasterseminary.edu

They offer some classes online, but not all, and not a complete degree. A sampling of fully online courses that meet degree program requirements includes:

Introduction to Hebrew Bible: Old Testament	Jesus and the Gospels
Introduction to Theology	The Church and Human Sciences

Lexington Theological Seminary (Christian Church/Disciples of Christ)

<http://www.lextheo.edu/mdiv-overview/>

The three-level M.Div. program consists of 76 credit hours of work using a competency-based learning process in the eight areas of ministry shown below. Level I and II are two, four, six and eight weeks long. Most are taught online; intensive residential modules are taught in 10 day sessions or on a long weekend. Rather than an accumulation of hours, this program requires that students demonstrate abilities through competency exercises and a capstone project. Students are in a ministry site throughout their degree program in order to benefit from the distinctive formation of congregational life and leadership. At each level, the learning process integrates attention to spiritual, intellectual and practical aspects of pastoral ministry.

Mid-America Center for Ministry (Christian Church/Disciples of Christ)

This Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (CPM) Program provides foundational curriculum of education and ministry formation, available online. The program was revised in 2013 to align with the Sixteen Areas of Ministerial Practice established by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), but is open to and useful for students in many denominations. Click for more information: <http://center4ministry.org/certificate-in-pastoral-ministry/>

Pacific School of Religion (UCC/United Methodist/Disciples of Christ)

<http://www.psr.edu/academics/certificates-degrees/dmin/>

Pacific School of Religion invites ministers interested in pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree to be part of a Hawai'i cohort beginning in the summer of 2016 with a seminar taking place July 25 to August 5 at the Hawai'i Conference Office. Applications for the PSR Hawai'i DMin program are accepted year round. Contact PSR for more information and an application.

Pathways Theological Education (UCC)

<http://tasc21.net/pathways-glance-everything-want-know-pathways/>

Pathways Theological Education is an online program designed to equip learners for lay, licensed, or ordained ministry in the church and other specialized ministries (e.g. chaplaincy). Pathways is an alternative pattern of theological education that seeks to meet the educational needs of individuals who are unable to go the more traditional route such as a graduate level seminary. Pathways is sponsored by Lancaster Theological Seminary and a number of other groups (including the Southeast and Iowa Conferences of the United Church of Christ) and is a fully online program available to students from other conferences. It is a 3-5 year program divided into three levels, preparing students for potential licensing or ordination after full completion.

Phillips Theological Seminary (Christian Church/Disciples of Christ)

<http://ptstulsa.edu/PhillipsOnline>

Phillips offers three master's degree programs which include a [48 hour MAMC](#), a [48 hour MTS](#), and an [82 hour MDiv](#). MDiv students must complete at least 24 hours on campus; MAMC and MTS students must complete 16 hours on campus. Phillips also has 15-hour and 16-hour [Graduate Diploma and Certificate](#) programs. Graduate Diploma and Certificate students doing the programs in general theological studies and biblical studies can complete all 15 hours in the online format. Contact [Josh Linton](#), Director of Recruitment, or by phone at (918) 270-6463 for more information.

Princeton Theological Seminary (Presbyterian)

<http://ptsem.edu/offices/coned/index.aspx?id=25769807707>

Certificate in Theology and Ministry

This is a one-year online certificate program for those who are active in church ministry and are wanting to serve churches. "The 'Certificate in Theology and Ministry' is a six-part series of online courses taught by Princeton Seminary Faculty. The courses include Biblical Studies, Theology, Practical Theology, and Ethics. The program is intended for ministerial and personal enrichment. Students who complete all requirements will be awarded a 'Certificate in Theology and Ministry,' carrying six Continuing Education Units from the department of Continuing Education. Though challenging, the courses are not taught at graduate-level intensity and do not carry graduate-level academic credit."

The program is full through the spring of 2016, but they are now considering applicants for the 2016-2017 year. Program lasts 10 months, consists of 2-hour webinars on Thursday afternoons (HST).

Regent College (non-denominational)

<http://www.regent-college.edu/course-listing/course-search/location/audio>

"Regent College was founded in 1968 as the first graduate school of theology in North America to make education of the laity its central focus. Our Christ-centred graduate programs and courses bring together vibrant evangelical faith and rigorous academics." They are located in Vancouver, British Columbia, but offer a number of classes through two "distant learning" programs: one is based on students listening to recordings of lectures on their own schedule and doing papers, and the other is based on an online cohort model.

United Theological Seminary (United Methodist)

<http://united.edu/master-of-divinity-m-div/>

United offers a wide variety of their classes online, although one has to take approximately one-third of the classes on campus for an MDiv degree. This, however, may change soon.

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (UCC)

www.unitedseminary.edu

Currently does not offer any online classes.