Application Instructions
Admission to the joint program begins with the application to seminary. Applications should be made to the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Social Work during the first term of the second year at the Seminary. Applicants to the program must complete each school’s application for admission. Interested candidates to the joint degree program should refer to each school’s program brochures or websites for specifics on admission requirements. Please note that the admissions deadline for Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is February 1 and the Graduate School of Social Work is May 1.

Tuition
Students accepted to the program will be charged tuition at different rates. During the two years at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, students are charged at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary tuition rate of their enrolled years. During the two years at the Graduate School of Social Work, students are charged at the University of Pittsburgh rate of their enrolled years.

Financial Aid
Students are eligible to apply for financial aid for the school in which they are enrolled that year.

Field Education/Field Placement
Field education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary assists students in learning about the practice of ministry through direct involvement in congregations and other settings, under the direction of experienced field supervisors. M.Div. students must complete one year of supervised Field Education in a setting approved by the Director of Field Education. This requirement is normally fulfilled while students are enrolled in the pastoral studies sequence of courses so that students can use their field placements as laboratory settings for specific assignments in those courses. During this year students are also required to participate in a weekly seminar for theological reflection on their experiences, under the guidance of a member of the faculty.

Additionally joint degree students are required to complete a total of 1080 field placement hours during their foundation and concentration years of field placements at the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work.

"The program has allowed me to combine my call to ministry with my desire to work in a social service setting. The concepts I learned in my classes at the Seminary shape the way I think about practicing social work."

- Jill Terpstra ’08

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"Bridging the Word and the World"
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh offer a joint degree program leading to the two degrees of Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and Master of Social Work (M.S.W.).

Started in 1967 and the oldest continuous joint degree program in the county, the M.Div./M.S.W. joint degree program encourages and equips men and women to engage in social work both in and out of the church and provides opportunities in social work for students who feel a call to practice within a church setting.

The joint effort enables students to receive both the M.Div. and the M.S.W. in four years of post-baccalaureate study instead of the usual five. Nevertheless, the joint program provides a full course of study in both theology and social work. The curriculum of the Graduate School of Social Work encompasses studies in direct clinical practice, community organization, or social administration, and certificates in child welfare, gerontology, and Home and School Visitor.

Candidates for the joint degree who enter the program through the Seminary will concentrate on theological studies during the first two years. Application should be made to the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Social Work during the first term of the second year at the Seminary. The third and fourth years will be spent predominantly at the School of Social Work. Since degrees in the joint program will be awarded concurrently, it is important to note that a student who resigns from one program will be subject to all requirements for graduation from the remaining degree program.

### Sample Schedules

#### Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

**Master of Divinity**

**Year 1 Term I**
- Spiritual Formation
- Old Testament 01
- Historical Studies 1
  - Language

**Year 1 Term II**
- Old Testament 02
- New Testament 01
- Historical Studies 2
  - Language

**Year 1 Term III**
- Introduction to Systematic Theology
- New Testament 02
- Historical Studies 3
  - Exegesis

**Year 2 Term I**
- Pastoral Studies I: Education
- Introduction to Ethics
  - Elective (Language)
  - Elective
  - Theological Reflection on Ministry

**Year 2 Term II**
- Pastoral Studies II: Pastoral Care
  - Elective (Language)
  - Elective
  - Theological Reflection on Ministry

**Year 2 Term III**
- Pastoral Studies III: Homiletics
- Church and Society
  - Elective (Exegesis)
  - Elective
  - Theological Reflection on Ministry

**Year 3 Term I**
- Church and Sacraments

**Year 3 Term II**
- Missiology

**Year 3 Term III**
- Elective

**Year 4 Term I**
- Elective

**Year 4 Term II**
- Elective

**Year 4 Term III**
- Elective

#### Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh

**Community Organizing (CO) or Social Administration (SA)**

**Year 3 Fall Semester**
- Foundation Field Work and Seminar
- Human Behavior, Social Environment
- Social Welfare
  - Generalist Foundations of Social Work Practice

**Year 3 Spring Semester**
- Foundations of Social Work Research
- Organizations and Public Policy
- Community Organizing (CO) or Social Administration (SA)
- Foundation Field Work
  - Human Behavior and the Urban Environment

**Year 4 Fall Semester**
- Organizational Research or Community-Based Participatory Research
- Community Organizing (CO) or Social Administration (SA)
- COSA Skill Elective or General Elective
- COSA Field Work

**Year 4 Spring Semester**
- COSA Skill Elective
- COSA Skill Elective or General Elective
- General Elective
- COSA Field Work and Capstone

**Direct Practice**

**Year 3 Fall Semester**
- Foundation Field Work and Seminar
- Human Behavior, Social Environment
- Social Welfare

**Year 3 Spring Semester**
- Foundations of Social Work Research
- Second-level Policy Course
- Models of Intervention
- Foundation Field Work
  - Second Level Human Behavior, Social Environment

**Year 4 Fall Semester**
- Advance Direct Practice
- General Elective
- Skill Elective/Second-level Research
- Concentration Field Work

**Year 4 Spring Semester**
- Skill Elective
- Skill Elective/Second-level Research
- General Elective
- Concentration Field Work