



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN URBAN MINISTRY

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Today, more than 80 percent of the U.S. population—and 50 percent of people worldwide—live in and around urban centers.

The Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry is a flexible program allowing community members and seminarians to explore their Christian vocation in urban settings. This program allows students from all denominations to think about how to apply their faith to where they live, work, and serve.

This **hybrid certificate program** is offered through the Seminary's **Metro-Urban Institute** and can be completed as a stand-alone certificate program or combined with a master's degree program. MUI combines the theory and practice of collaborative community ministry with a program of urban theological education that prepares students for excellence in any context of ministry, but with particular attention to public realities affecting the urban environment.



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Karris Jackson completed her master of theological studies degree in addition to her graduate certificate in urban ministry, which can be combined with a master's degree or completed as a stand-alone certificate.



12
CREDIT HOURS

YEAR

4

COURSES

REQUIREMENTS

- Introduction to Contextual Analysis
- Introduction to Urban Ministry
- Metro-Pittsburgh Social and Religious Ecologies
- Urban Ministry Related Elective

COMPLETING THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN URBAN MINISTRY PROGRAM

Those seeking the certificate must complete four classes (three credit-hours each) of graduate-level course work related to urban ministry. Required courses include those in urban ministry, contextual analysis, and an approved urban ministry elective.

Taking two classes per semester, the Certificate in Urban Ministry can be completed in one year. Students may also elect to take one course per semester and complete the program in two years. For those taking evening courses, the program can be completed over two academic years. This flexible certificate program easily fits students' busy schedules. Because the program is hybrid, students can select in-person and online courses.

Whether you already have a master's degree or you're new to seminary, the Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry is a great way to expand your theological education.

APPLYING TO THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN URBAN MINISTRY PROGRAM

Students interested in this certificate program must complete Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's standard application for admission process, and will ordinarily have an undergraduate degree. Merit scholarships and need-based financial aid are available.

Pittsburgh Seminary alums who have completed certain courses within the last 10 years may qualify for advance standing.

URBAN MINISTRY STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

LEARN MORE ABOUT PITTSBURGH SEMINARY'S GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN URBAN MINISTRY

The Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry examines social and cultural factors shaping life in urban settings and wrestles theologically with ways life together within these contexts is nurtured through the church's ministries, alignments, and presence.

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REQUEST INFORMATION

* First Name

Preferred Name

* Last Name

* Address

* City

* State

* Zip

* Phone

* E-mail

* Program of Interest

Please Select

Masters Program of Interest:

- ☐ Master of Divinity
- ☐ Master of Divinity Emphasis in Forming New Faith Communities
- ☐ Master of Theological Studies
- ☐ Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies
- ☐ Masters Degree with Urban Ministry Certificate
- ☐ Joint Degree (Social Work)
- ☐ Joint Degree (Law)
- ☐ Non-Degree

Certificate Program of Interest:

- ☐ Graduate Certificate in Adaptive and Innovative Ministry
- ☐ Graduate Certificate in Faith, Work, and the Common Good
- ☐ Graduate Certificate in Ministry
- ☐ Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership
- ☐ Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- ☐ Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry

Doctor of Ministry Program of Interest:

- ☐ Bridging Divides: In Church, Community, and Country
- ☐ Christian Spirituality Focus
- ☐ Creative Writing and Public Theology Focus
- ☐ Eastern Christian Focus
- ☐ Intergenerational Black Church Studies Focus
- ☐ Missional Leadership Focus
- ☐ Reformed Focus with University of Edinburgh (Scotland) Focus

Desired Year:

- ☐ 2025
- ☐ 2026
- ☐ 2027
- ☐ Undecided

Desired Semester:

- ☐ Fall
- ☐ Spring
- ☐ Summer
- ☐ Winter
- ☐ Undecided

Desired Modality:

- ☐ Weekly Online Courses with In-person Gatherings at PTS (4/year)
- ☐ Mostly In-Person Courses

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