Joint M.Div/M.S.W. Program in Ministry and Social Work

A joint program leading to the Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary and the Master of Social Work degree from Rutgers University’s Graduate School of Social Work is available for students who expect to enter forms of ministry requiring competence both in the disciplines of theology and in those associated with social work. M.Div students interested in the joint program should inquire about the program early during their junior year and must apply no later than January of their middler year. The Seminary recommends students to the program but makes no guarantee that applications to Rutgers University will be successful. In consultation with the registrar, the M.Div. requirements are completed as usual in the first three years. During the senior year a total of 12 credits (maximum of 6 credits per semester) of coursework taken at Rutgers University will be credited toward the Seminary degree, while approved Seminary courses are credited toward the M.S.W. Immediately following the granting of the M.Div. degree, the student enters the summer session at the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work with advanced standing and may complete all requirements for the M.S.W. earlier than might otherwise be the case, ordinarily by the end of the fourth academic year. Since students end their relationship with the Seminary upon receipt of the M.Div., neither Seminary housing nor financial aid is available during the fourth year of study.

Applications for this program should be filed with the Seminary registrar no later than February 15 of the middler year of study. Application deadline for Rutgers online registration is March 1. Extra tuition costs are involved and financial aid is available.

Fall Semester Senior MDiv year: 8 - 9 Princeton credits
   Plus at Rutgers the following courses (6 credit maximum):
   500: Social Work Practice I (3 credits)
   504: Social Welfare Policy & Services I (3 credits.) May be taken during a summer session
   * PTS Field Education and/or 508: Field Practicum I

When it comes time to register, your Princeton registration should show only the Princeton Field Ed course number, not Rutgers. Please be sure to register for Field Ed at Rutgers whether or not you are doing it for PTS credit. If you plan on your Princeton Field Ed counting for your Rutgers Field Ed. You must obtain approval from the Princeton Field Education prior to starting the placement.)

Spring Semester: 8 - 9 Princeton credits
   Plus at Rutgers (6 credit maximum):
   501: Social Work Practice II
   507: Psychopathology
   * PTS Field Education and/or 508: Field Practicum I

At this point M.Div. is awarded from Princeton, and there is no longer any connection with PTS.

Summer Semester following M.Div. graduation:
   General Elective (s)

Second Year at Rutgers: As prescribed in Rutgers School of Social Work catalogue

By the end of this second academic year you should have earned the 60 necessary credits for the M.S.W.

- PTS students need to have two field education placements. The field education placement in the church can be done the *summer after their junior or middler year, or during the academic middler year. It is preferred that the second placement be done during this time as well. However, the second field education placement can be done in the senior academic year as the Field Practicum I for the MSW. If it is done as a joint placement at a Rutgers authorized site, the student needs to set up supervision at PTS for theological reflection, and forward the Field Education all evaluations done by the MSW program.
Princeton Theological Seminary Courses Approved for Rutgers MSW Program

Research Course
Students may take a course at Princeton University in social and educational research in place of the Social Work Research I course.

One of the following is required in place of Human Behavior and the Social Environment I:
ED215 Educational Psychology
ED216 Developmental Psychology
PC5461 Pastoral Care and The Life Cycle - Fall Long Term, 2008-2009

A maximum of three of the following taken as general electives:
CH435 Sects and Cults in America
CH436 The Search for a Christian America
CH442 The Ministry and History of the Traditional African American Denominations
CM360 Building Health Ministries in Congregations
CS223 Church, Community and Nation
CS370 Civil Religion and its Discontents
CS475 Ministry, Conflict and Cataclysm
EF5353 Advanced Studies in Youth, Church and Culture-Fall Long Term, 2009-2010
ED372 Small Groups and Spiritual Formation
ET346 Issues in Bio-Medical Ethics
ET346cr Issues in Biomedical Ethics-Fall Short Term, 2008-2009
ET348 Issues in Human Sexuality
ET5347cr Issues in Medical Ethics-Fall Long Term, 2008-2009
PC239 Death and Dying
PC5242 Sexuality and the Christian Body – Spring Long Term, 2008-2009
PC5250 Marriage, Family, and the Christian Community-Spring Long Term,2009-2010
PC5253 Pastoral Care of Adolescents – Spring Long Term, 2008-2009
PC266 Pastoral Care of Men
PC280 Pastoral Counseling
PC340 Spirituality and Health
PC349 Pastoral & Congregational Approaches to Addiction Prevention and Recovery
PC350 Addiction and Grace: Resources for Ministry
PC5360 The Self in the System – Spring Long Term, 2009-2010
PC370 Health Care Decisions to Live By
PC470 Persons in Pain
PC471 Families in Pain
PC5472 The Minister and Mental Illness – Fall Long Term, 2008-2008
PC5475 Confession and Forgiveness in Pastoral Perspective-Fall Long Term, 2009-2010
PC477 Confession and Forgiveness in Pastoral Perspective
SR3201 Religion and Society – Fall Long Term, 2008-2009
SR3230 Religion and Time-Fall Long Term, 2008-2009
SR3475 Ministry, Conflict and Cataclysm – Spring Long Term, 2008-2009
TH3583cr Critical Race Theory as Theological Change-Spring Long Term, 2009-2010
TH495 A Time to Embrace

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