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 of approved coursework taken at Rutgers University will be credited toward the Seminary M.Div. degree, while approved Seminary courses are credited toward the M.S.W. (The Seminary will cover the costs of 6 credits for each semester taken at Rutgers. The Seminary will not cover any additional credits taken at Rutgers during the two semesters of the senior year.) 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:
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:
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 FE2104 M.S.W. Field Education or FE3104 Elective M.S.W. Field Education. 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:
EF3215  Educational Psychology- Spring Long Term, 2011-2012
PC5461  Pastoral Care and The Life Cycle –

A maximum of three of the following taken as general electives:
CH435  Sects and Cults in America
CH436  The Search for a Christian America
EF5353  Advanced Studies in Youth, Church and Culture- Fall Long Term, 2011-2012
ED372  Small Groups and Spiritual Formation
ET5346cr  Issues in Biomedical Ethics
ET5348cr  Issues in Human Sexuality- Fall Long Term, 2011-2012
ET5347cr  Issues in Medical Ethics – Fall Semester, 2012-2013
PC239  Death and Dying
PC5242  Sexuality and the Christian Body – Spring Long Term, 2011-2012
PC5250  Marriage, Family, and the Christian Community – Spring Semester, 2012-2013
PC5253  Pastoral Care of Adolescents – Spring Long Term, 2011-2012
PC5261  Pastoral Care with Older Adults- Spring Long Term, 2011-2012
PC5330  Sleep, Surrender, and Sabbath
PC5266  Pastoral Care of Men
PC280  Pastoral Counseling
PC5360  The Self in the System – Fall Long Term, 2011-2012
PC470  Persons in Pain
PC471  Families in Pain
PC5472  The Minister and Mental Illness – Fall Long Term, 2011-2012
PC5475  Confession and Forgiveness in Pastoral Perspective
TH3583cr  Critical Race Theory as Theological Change – Spring Long Term, 2011-2012
TH495  A Time to Embrace
TH/EC3200  Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Israel (Middle East) – Fall Semester, 2012-2013

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