



## What can I do with a major in... Dual Degree in PASTORAL MINISTRY

The dual B.A./M.Div. degree is a five year program designed for highly motivated men and women going into pastoral ministry. This streamlined program saves time and money for pastoral students, reducing the typical 7 years of coursework to 5 years. Through this program, students will gain knowledge of the Bible, biblical interpretation, Theology, and Christian discipleship. They will also develop skills to be effective in ministry, such as: teaching, preaching, counseling, and leading. Much of this learning will be applied in embedded ministry internships which are required by the program. Students completing this program will be well prepared to serve effectively in pastoral ministry. The dual B.A./M.Div. degree integrates and streamlines two existing programs. Overlapping credits are applied toward both the undergraduate degree and graduate degree. The two programs are the B.A. in Pastoral Ministry offered through the Christian Ministries Department and the M.Div. in Bible Exposition. During the fifth year students complete the program as a cohort attending classes two nights per week. Students wishing to enroll must first be admitted to UNW and then apply for this dual degree program. Dedicated scholarship funds are available for this program for qualified students and are provided in addition to the UNW financial aid package. Upon completion of the remaining graduate requirements, the M.Div. degree is awarded.

### What types of work are related to this degree?

Ministry coordination or leadership  
Pastoral roles, preaching, teaching, discipleship  
Campus ministry  
Christian education  
Evangelism or church planting  
Missions  
Executive pastor/church administration  
Para-church ministry  
Camp administration and ministry  
Student development/residence life  
Chaplaincy (with additional training)

### Who employs people with this degree?

Christian camps  
Christian colleges  
Denominational offices  
Local churches  
Mission agencies  
Para-church organizations  
Prisons  
Health care organizations  
Nursing homes  
Seminaries  
Christian service organizations

More information online at [ONETonline.org](http://ONETonline.org)

### General Strategies for Success:

- This degree is intended for those called to ministry in some form. Internships and volunteer experiences are essential to transition to employment.
- Expertise in ministry can be a plus for secular work environments as well as more traditional ones.
- Pastoral ministry students can often volunteer in shelters, correctional facilities, nursing homes, or healthcare organizations under the supervision of a chaplain. This kind of experience will assist you in discerning career direction.
- Should chaplaincy be a goal, additional training is almost always necessary to be certified.
- Being open to relocation greatly improves employment prospects.
- A ministry job search is very different from a traditional job search. It is strongly recommended that you work with Career Development as you prepare to seek ministry employment.

### Select Professional Associations:

National Association of Evangelicals  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)  
American Protestant Correctional Chaplains Association (APCCA)  
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE)  
Association of Professional Chaplains

International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC)  
National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplaincy (NIBIC)  
Evangelical Theological Society  
Christian Camp and Conference Association

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on the ROCK, Career Development tab.