



**Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation
(MASF)
Centre for Spiritual Formation
(CSF)**

2011-2012

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MASTER OF ARTS IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION (MASF)

The Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation prepares persons to offer leadership in the area of spiritual formation in congregations and other settings, which may include congregational formation ministries, lay leadership training, spiritual direction and retreat ministries. The MA in Spiritual Formation is shaped by the conviction that the process of being formed by the Holy Spirit through God into the likeness of Christ involves both the inward journey of a deepening life with God and the outward expression of that life in compassion. Designed with two eight-day retreats at the heart of the program, the MASF is a 48 credit hour program, delivered through a blend of residential, hybrid and on-line courses.

The goals of the MASF program are to equip students to be able to:

- think biblically and theologically about the content of spiritual formation and the experience of the Christian life; situate life experiences in relationship to formative biblical movements and learn to find one's life narrated into the Great God Story
- appreciate how persons in various times have come to know and be formed by God; be encouraged by the persistence of God with God's people and deepen respect for the diverse ways in which God's people have responded to the invitation to live a deepening life with God
- evidence practices and perspectives that sustain life with God; deepen Christian character and increase self-understanding
- design, lead and assess ministries of spiritual formation and the public work of the church

Courses in the Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation

Foundational Courses

Reading and Speaking the Text
New Testament I
Doctrinal Heritage of the Church
Church History
Character and Call I
Worship: Theology and Praxis

MASF Specific Courses

Awakening to the Inward Journey
(includes 8 Day Intensive – 6 credits)
Living in the Outward Journey
(includes 8 Day Intensive – 9 credits)
Introduction to Spiritual Direction
Leading Spiritual Formation Ministries
MASF Practicum (6 credits)
Elective

Sample Course Schedule 2011-2013 (Example for full-time study)

(All courses are 3-credit courses unless otherwise noted in schedule; all online courses are 12 weeks.)

2011

June 6-13	CSF 500 Awakening to the Inward Journey <i>(includes 8-day intensive; 6 credits)</i>	HYBRID
September	BIBL 503 Reading & Speaking the Text	ONLINE

2012

January	BIBL 512 New Testament I: Jesus and the Gospels FORM 500 Character and Call I	ONLINE HYBRID
April	HIST 503 Global Church History SPIR 588 Introduction to Spiritual Direction Elective	ONLINE HYBRID
May 4-11	CSF 610 Living the Outward Journey <i>(includes 8-day intensive; 9 credits)</i>	HYBRID
September	APPL 695 MASF Practicum <i>(congregational ministry, public work of the church, or spiritual direction training; 6 credits)</i> SPIR 690 Leading Spiritual Formation Ministries	ONLINE ONLINE

2013

January	APPL 512 Worship: Theology and Praxis THEO 520 Doctrinal Heritage of the Church	HYBRID ONLINE
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Admission Requirements

Admission will be granted to those persons who fulfill the following requirements:

1. A recognized Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
2. A minimum of B- average (2.70 GPA) in undergraduate studies.
3. A completed application form submitted to the Office of the Registrar with application fee and essay. A current personal photograph is requested but is not required.
4. Two completed personal confidential reference forms.
5. Official transcripts from all schools attended or a notarized letter accompanying a copy of the original transcript must be submitted.
6. The applicant must be perceived to be mature in character, showing an aptitude for ministry.
7. A limited number of students who are older than the age of 30 years, and who do not possess an undergraduate degree to meet the

academic requirements of the MASF program may be granted admission as Mature Students. Admission is dependent upon a detailed Prior Learning Assessment of the applicant's knowledge, Christian service, life experience, and capacity for theological study at the graduate level.

8. As with Provisional Students, an assessment of the academic work of Mature Students will be conducted by the Admissions Committee following the completion of 9 credit hours (3 foundational courses) which will lead to either full admission into the program or denial of access to further studies at Carey.
9. Applicants whose first language is not English must submit satisfactory results in an approved language test (TOEFL, available from Education Testing Service, www.ets.org). Carey's TOEFL number is 5981.

Degree Requirements

In order to be eligible for the Master of Arts degree, a candidate must have completed the following requirements:

1. 48 credit hours of study under the supervision of the Registrar
2. All assignments successfully completed
3. All courses credited to the degree of Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation from other colleges, schools, seminaries and training programs approved with official transcripts
4. Maintained a 2.70 GPA (B-) minimum
5. All due accounts with Carey Theological College paid in full

Regulations

1. Students who already have completed theological studies at an accredited graduate school may be granted up to 24 transfer credits for that work. Such credit will be given only for courses considered relevant to Carey's MASF program and of equivalent academic standard: A minimum grade of B- (or a Pass in a Pass/Fail course). Transfer credit from non-accredited institutions is not normally given. Requests for transfer of credits previously earned from other institutions must be made at the time of application to the program.
2. A maximum of 3 credit hours of guided study programs may be completed for credit, subject to the approval of the Registrar. Note that required courses will not be offered in the form of guided studies.
3. All students are required to complete the 6-credit hour Practicum.

4. It should be noted that both the required and elective courses can be changed by Senate decision without public notice.
5. If, after a 3-year period of inactivity, a Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation student has not completed a course, that student will be removed from the program. An appeal for an exception may be made by the student to the college administration through the Office of the Registrar.

The degree of Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation is granted by the Carey Theological College Senate, upon recommendation of the President or appointee of Carey Theological College. Normally, it is awarded to the student publicly at graduation, annually in May.

CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION (CSF)

Spiritual Formation as we understand it

Spiritual Formation is a process by which the Holy Spirit is actively forming believers' lives in Christ so that increasingly they might individually and corporately live to the glory of God as revealed in scripture. The purpose of the Centre for Spiritual Formation is to cultivate, within the participant's life, a deepening desire to grow in Christ and to facilitate the integration of individual's inner spiritual experience with outward, compassionate expression.

The Carey Distinctive

Carey Theological College offers a distinctive emphasis on: 1) a Trinitarian understanding of God; 2) the centrality and authority of scripture; and 3) a commitment to understanding conversion as new birth and as an experience central to Christian spirituality. Genuine spiritual growth is born out of and is an expression of that conversion. By encouraging believers to pursue the meaning and significance of their own conversion experience, their individual freedom of conscience is affirmed as they grow toward a deeper relationship in and with Christ. Spiritual Formation seeks to address the ongoing conversion process that takes place in the believer's life while being transformed into the image of Christ.

The Centre for Spiritual Formation stresses the importance of the priesthood of believers not only as a foundational theological principle, but also as the context in which spiritual transformation properly takes place. This tenet, companioned with freedom of conscience, encourages both a personal and a corporate responsibility in matters of spiritual transformation, the honoring of tradition and discernment in mission and service. Such an emphasis strengthens inward spiritual renewal while nurturing giftedness for ministry both in the church and in the world at large.

Program Concept

This program is designed to assist the individual in realizing his or her own unique potential and approach to life with God and in the world.

Spiritual formation takes place not only in the context of solitude, but also in the context of community. Thus, the Centre will be experienced both as a program of independent study and personal discipline and as an experience of community interaction and accountability.

Program Overview

To facilitate the participant's development of a comprehensive and holistic devotional life, the program utilizes a variety of different educational methods and environments. Each two-year program begins with an eight-day intensive. This is a concentrated period of study, prayer, solitude and discussion. After the first intensive, participants will complete a curriculum of reading and reflection and meet with other participants in spiritual companionship groups, returning for a second eight-day intensive one year later.

Eight-Day Intensive Summary

Year One: CSF 500 Awakening to the Inward Journey

- Scriptural and Historical Foundations
- Spiritual Practices
- A Unique Life of Spiritual Devotion

Dates: June 4-11, 2012 (for the cohort starting in 2012)
June 3-10, 2013 (for the cohort starting in 2013)

Year Two: CSF 600 Living in the Outward Journey

- Befriending Creation
- Discernment and Guidance
- Befriending the Neighbour

Dates: May 4-11, 2012 (for the cohort starting in 2011)
April 12-19, 2013 (for the cohort starting in 2012)

Between the Eight-Day Intensives

Following the first Eight-Day Intensive, the participant enters a one-year period of guided study and development that includes spiritual companionship, and personal study. The primary focus is the participant's personal spiritual development in the context of his or her own life and ministry. Following the second intensive, the participant may continue to meet with other participants for spiritual companionship; develops their spiritual practices and awareness of God under the guidance of a spiritual director; and plans and fulfills a volunteer project of their own design.

Application

The Centre for Spiritual Formation is open to all who desire a deepening of their relationship with God through Jesus Christ and through the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Application can be made to Carey Theological College. This program is open to people of all Christian denominations. The program normally requires a baccalaureate degree.

TUITION AND FEES

Carey Theological College tries to keep fees at a level that will permit most qualified persons to attend. The fees incurred by students meet only a portion of the total cost of providing education and operating the college. We are grateful for the support of the churches of the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada, foundations, and interested friends.

Course tuition is due in full on the first day of class. Payment options can be made with the Registrar's Office prior to the first day of class.

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Fees (Effective April 1, 2012):

Application Fee (<i>non-refundable</i>)	\$60
Transcript Evaluation Fee	\$25
Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)	\$40/credit
Course Change Fee (<i>changing from credit to audit (or vice versa) or changing courses</i>)	\$10
*Credit Transfer Fee	\$40/credit
Shared Credit Fee	\$40/credit
**Late Payment Fee	\$50
Graduation Fee	\$85
Transcripts	\$10
T2202A Statement Replacement	\$25
Graduation Certificate Replacement	\$25
Dishonored Cheques	\$50
<i>*Credit Transfer Fee: If a student is approved to take a course at another institution for transfer credit to Carey Theological College, the student is subject to that institution's tuition costs but, in addition, must pay a course fee of \$40 per credit to Carey Theological College. The additional fee does not apply to courses at Regent College and Taylor Seminary.</i>	

****If tuition is not paid by due date, i.e. the first day of the class, unless there is special arrangement made with the Registrar's office.**

Tuition (Effective April 1, 2012):

*Course Registration Deposit (<i>non-refundable</i>)	\$100
Tuition per credit hour	\$300
*Course Registration Deposit for CSF 500/610 (<i>non-refundable</i>)	\$250
CSF 500 (6 credits; includes accommodation and meals)	\$2,600
CSF 610 (9 credits; includes accommodation and meals)	\$3,500
MASF Practicum (6 credits) per credit hour	\$275
Guided Study	\$250/credit
Audit	\$150/credit
<i>*If a student withdraws from the course within 10 days prior to the beginning of the course, then the Course Registration Deposit will be retained by the College.</i>	
<i>** Meets denominational Continuing Education requirement but not applicable credit for degree.</i>	
<i>Based on the 2012 tuition fee schedule, a student would be anticipating total tuition of approximately \$15,475 to complete the Masters of Arts in Spiritual Formation program.</i>	

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Tuition (Effective April 1, 2012):

Course Registration Deposit (<i>non-refundable</i>)	\$250
CSF 500 (<i>includes accommodation and meals</i>)	\$2,600
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COURSE REFUNDS

Course registration deposits are non-refundable. However, the course registration deposit will be credited to the student's account if the student withdraws from the course 10 days before the start date of the course. If the course withdrawal is within 10 days of the beginning of the course, then the course registration deposit will be forfeited by the student.

The last day to receive a refund for dropping a course after the start date is as follows:

COURSE TYPE	REFUND AFTER DEPOSIT <i>(refund of balance of course tuition paid by the student after non-refundable deposit)</i>
Online or Hybrid courses (12 weeks or longer), except MASF/CSF Intensives	100% within 1st week 75% within 2nd week 50% within 4th week
On-site courses and MASF/CSF Intensives	100% on day 1 75% on day 2

- No further refunds are available after these dates.
- Students must notify the Office of the Registrar if they are withdrawing from a course.
- There will be a full refund for any cancelled courses.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course offerings and schedules are subject to change without notice, but whenever possible we do endeavour to notify students in advance. Please check the College website at www.carey-edu.ca for up-to-date information on scheduling of courses.

Students are requested to register for a course at least 10 days prior to the beginning of the class.

APPL 512 Worship: Theology and Praxis

This course examines the biblical origins, theological foundation, historical development and contemporary trends in Christian worship. Students will be given opportunities for planning and leading worship and performing Christian ordinances.

APPL 695 MASF Practicum

A six-credit hour practicum will be designed to enable students to gain both practical skill and vocational discernment. Practica may be completed in a variety of settings, including but not restricted to congregational ministry, retreat

settings, and the public work of the church. Students wishing to focus on learning to accompany persons in the ministry of spiritual direction will be encouraged to complete their practica in a context that focuses on this role.

BIBL 503 Reading & Speaking the Text

This is an introductory course in which the student is exposed to the basic steps and some of the tools and methodology for interpreting the Bible. The course emphasizes hands-on experience in exegetical method. At the same time some of the preliminary questions of hermeneutics are also addressed.

BIBL 512 New Testament I: Jesus and the Gospels

Within the Christian Church and secular society we see renewed controversy concerning Jesus. One's perception of Jesus is contingent on which sources one views as genuine. The course starts with a survey of the non-biblical sources for the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus. It then provides an historical overview of the most influential interpreters of Jesus. With this background, the student is prepared for a detailed study of the four New Testament Gospels. While attention is given to the first century, the focus is on the contemporary relevance of Jesus' ministry and teaching for the life of the individual and church.

CSF 500 Awakening to the Inward Journey

Spiritual formation is the process of being formed by the Holy Spirit through God into the likeness of Christ. It involves both an inward journey of a deepening life with God and the outward expression of that life in compassion. This course will lay a foundation for the inward journey through focusing on biblical movements in relation to one's personal story, Christian spiritual formation through the ages, self-understanding and practices that cultivate God-attentiveness.

CSF 600/CSF 610 Living in the Outward Journey

Relationality is at the heart of God and thus the heart of Christian spirituality. We do not become spiritually mature without others. Christian community within which and through which we live out the spiritual life is a reflection of our relationship with God and others. Ours is a shared journey. As we willingly open ourselves to the transformative movement of the love of God, we open ourselves to the world around us. The inward/outward spiritual experience is a participation in Jesus' incarnational presence, through the Spirit, giving flesh to God's compassionate love of humanity and all creation.

The outward journey takes into consideration the persons we are, our interests, our personality, and our unique relationship with God and weaves that uniqueness into the fabric of community, the people of God. Together we are entrusted with the challenge of embodying the values and vision of God's kingdom. The Spirit of God invites us to be an attentive and responsive presence as we listen for and respond to the guidance of that "still small voice" guiding our journey together; a journey that promotes and establishes healing and hope,

compassion and justice, peace and reconciliation, in the world ... on earth, as it is in heaven.

FORM 500 Character and Call I

The essential foundation of Christian ministry is one's "character and call." Skills, knowledge, ministry practices and spiritual gifts are built on this essential and personal core. The purpose of this course is to assist students in discerning their call to vocational Christian ministry (inside and outside of the church) and to explore with them the essential spiritual, familial, personality, emotional and character issues that enable a lifetime of faithfulness and enjoyment of Christian ministry. As such, the course serves to focus and strengthen the student in pastoral ethics. Our learning will be highly personal, dialectic and discovery focused, where more than academic competency is required.

HIST 503 Global Church History

A survey of the history of Christianity from the end of the New Testament era (ca. 100 C.E.) to the present through an examination of both primary and secondary texts with an emphasis on Christian theology, spirituality, ethics, institutional developments, and the interaction between culture and faith, in a global context.

SPIR 588 Introduction to Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is the simple gift of offering to another person the gentle but tenacious encouragement to open oneself fully to God's loving presence and to co-discern God's action in every aspect of life. In receiving spiritual direction, we learn to open our hearts more deeply in trust and surrender. Spiritual direction provides a safe and yet challenging place where our story can be honoured as the raw material in which we learn to discern the signs of God drawing us into the intimacy of loving union and intimacy with God. Through spiritual direction we also learn to follow the Spirit's guidance as we discover how to integrate and express God's presence in our everyday choices.

SPIR 690 Leading Spiritual Formation Ministries

In this course, students will gain experience and knowledge in designing, leading and evaluating spiritual formation ministries. Particular attention will be given to the context of each student's anticipated ministry context.

SPIR 692 Deepening Congregational Spirituality: Responding to the Reign of God

Central to the message and mission of Jesus was the reign of God. This course will explore spiritual formation through the lens of what was so central to Jesus, the in-breaking reign of God. Looking through the lens of the reign of God will lead us to discuss spiritual formation for the whole congregation. A focus on developing congregational spirituality will be the practical outworking of that discussion. Through this course, it is hoped that the participants will gain a better

understanding of the kingdom of God, the role of the church within the kingdom and an improved capacity to foster spiritual formation within the people of God.

THEO 520 Doctrinal Heritage of the Church

Effective Christian ministry demands that we live and minister “theologically,” that is, that we view life and ministry through the lens of Christian commitment. To do so requires a solid theological foundation consisting of an informed understanding of the core convictions that we share as Christians, from which we draw implications for living. This course surveys the central Christian doctrines as set forth in the biblical message and taught in the church throughout its history, and views them in the context of the contemporary world in which God calls us to live and minister. In so doing, the course seeks to help participants develop expertise as theologically informed Christian ministers who can connect stated beliefs with life and ministry.