

Promise Christian University

MASTER PROGRAM



Dr. Jackie Hornsby
Asst. Academic Dean
Jackie.hornsby@my-pcu.com
1-888-723-6233/ 626.768.3060

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Dr. Adelle McKinney, Registrar
626-827-6405 Email: info@my-pcu.com
©) 2023



Promise Christian University

Established 2002

**A Message from
Dr. Michael T. McKinney, President**

"He is Faithful that Promised," Heb. 10:23
Celebrating our 21th Year in Education in 2023

Fulfilling God's Promise with a Spirit of Excellence. The harvest is great and the laborers are few. It is almost impossible for those who are divinely called to ministry to take time off and away from churches and responsibilities to pursue the dream of a completing a Theological education. This is why I am so excited about the opportunity God has placed within our hands.

As a full-time Christian Minister and/or worker you can now achieve your dream of an **EARNED DEGREE** through the Promise Christian University (Promise) was founded to offer classroom and external study instruction. Promise has two schools: **Promise Christian College** - undergraduate programs; and **Promise Christian University**, graduate programs. In addition, Promise, accepts all transfer units from both accredited and most credits from non-accredited Bible colleges, schools and seminaries and Promise will consider Life Experience for those of you who have been in ministry for a minimum of 5 years.

It is my belief that the man of God must be thoroughly furnished and equipped to meet the on-going challenges of ministering in an age of technological advances. Through Promise, you have that opportunity to fulfill the dream of receiving an earned degree in Theology, Sacred Music, Christian Organizational Management, Pastoral Ministry, Christian Education, Christian Counseling and coming Media and Ministry, in your spare time without taking time off from your ministry.

This is exciting! When I received my first earned degree in 1983, it was a thrill of a lifetime for me! So, please do not hesitate! In no time at all, it will be graduation time!

Yours in His Harvest Field,

Michael McKinney

Michael T. McKinney, Ph.D.

VISION OF PROMISE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY and COLLEGE

Dr. Michael and Adelle McKinney has spent 41 years raising up leaders through schools of ministry, crusades, training seminars and pastor conferences in 14 nations around the world. In each of these nations, young men and women, were hungry to know and experience the *Power of the Holy Spirit*. As they sat under anointed preachers and teachers their hearts were touched to move into their divine destiny, service to God.

In 1997, the Lord asked Dr. McKinney if he would take on the responsibility of Christian education. This was in addition to his purpose and his calling to inspire and equip Christian leaders around the world. Dr. McKinney accepted this challenge, and a new vision was born, "to encourage, **to educate** and to inspire." In 1997, the foundation of Promise Christian University, College and Seminary was laid by Drs. Michael and Adelle McKinney.

MISSION AND PURPOSE

"Equipping Global Christian Leaders with the knowledge and skills to impact the 21st century in ministry and the marketplace".

The specific purpose of this institution is to train men and women for the ministry and for the work of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ through all the nations of the world by providing them academic, spiritual and moral instruction leading to an earned degree that will enhance their knowledge and ability in the word of God and at the same time give them practical tools that they can implement in the ministry God has called them to do. The secondary and perhaps the most important goal of promise is to raise up godly leaders in every field, every vocation and every marketplace ministry.

Since that time, students have graduated and are now working as pastors, professors, teachers, evangelists, missionaries, administrators, counselors, chaplains, businessmen and are still working as engineers, educators in public schools, doctors, lawyers, dentists and marketplace professionals.

Promise Christian University was started with a vision and with the purpose of training men and women to become Christian Leaders in their generation in all areas of Christian ministry.

The School of Theology and Christian Ministries will produce men and women who are qualified and ready to pursue a career in the ministry as pastors, missionaries and/or para-church leaders. Our goal is to provide quality and at the same time introduce innovative new ways of reaching, teaching and training disciples in the local church ministry.

The School of Christian Counseling will seek to train men and women in the use of biblical methods to promote a well balanced, well rounded program with special emphasis on

pastoral and family counseling.

The School of Missions specializes on reaching the unreached in evangelism and foreign missions, and multi-culture ministries.

Chaplaincy Department trains men and women in all areas of chaplaincy, military, police, fire, volunteer service, military honors, and hospice.

Marketplace Leadership prepares men and women for tent-making entrepreneurial ministry with an emphasis in business, health and wellness.

External Study Program. Promise has developed an online and external study program for students who enjoy independent study or students who like the networking of learning available through the online program. We have professors who are knowledgeable and able to mentor students in long distance study programs and we believe that busy ministry leaders who work more than 40 hours in ministry must and should have the opportunity to complete their earned degree with a convenient program of study that does not conflict with their work and ministry schedule.

Life Experience. Promise believes that men and women who have been in full-time Christian ministry for a minimum of 5 years - have already been studying and developing life long learning skills which are helping them to be successful in ministry. Promise wants to recognize those achievements such as curriculum development, authorship and accomplishments in ministry by granting a certain amount of Life Experience for the academic work that has already been accomplished through non-traditional study.

With these goals in mind, Promise Christian University, College and Seminary is committed to:

- **Excellence in Ministry.** Our goal is to train students who are competent in the Word of God and able to translate that into teaching, preaching and reaching the next generation.
- **Excellence in Leadership.** We believe that every individual has a divine call of God upon their lives. Our goal is to strengthen that calling and equip men and women with knowledge, encourage character and demand integrity.

ABOUT OUR COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

Promise Christian University, College and Seminary (Promise) began in 2002 by Dr. Michael McKinney. Since 2002, 640+ students have graduated and received their earned degree. Today, Promise offers its degree program through an External Program course of study for those who are unable to attend classes at the Seminary.

Promise Christian University has been registered with the Bureau for Post-Secondary and Vocational Education now (BPPE) in the State of California and has been granted a religious exemption since 2002 -2012 and 2020 to present. Promise Christian University, College and Seminary and all study center locations operate under and are governed by the California State Education code CEC 94739 (b)(6). Promise Christian University is registered for the issuing of religious exempt degrees by the Bureau of Private Post-Secondary Education in Sacramento, California, Promise Christian University since 2002.. At this time Promise Christian University is not accredited with any CHEA accrediting body. Students if qualified may transfer their credits to two accredited colleges and universities that Promise has a matriculation agreement with.

World for Jesus International Christian Center and Ministries is the covering for Promise Christian University, a non-denominational full gospel ministry operating as a federally tax-exempt religious organization under the laws of the State of California IRS Code Section 501(3)c and the Pastors Network, an international association of pastors, evangelists, missionaries and Christian leaders. Our students come through these organizations.

Promise Christian University is authorized to offer Continuing Education through the Association of Christian Schools International in Theology and Education. Promise Christian University has been a member of the Evangelical Training Association, ACCESS and several other educational institutions pre-covid. Promise Christian University is also the exclusive education and training institution for the United States Volunteers - Joint Services Command who are authorized under the Department of Defense's AP3 program to conduct final military honors for our nation's veterans.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Promise is aware of the need for advanced educational degrees in all areas of Christian Ministry and also cognizant of the fact that most full-time Christian Ministers and Workers are unable to leave their field of work for the time necessary to earn a traditional degree. ***Promise Christian University is the answer.***

Degree candidates are individually evaluated based on life and ministerial experience, courses of study completed in accredited and non-accredited learning facilities, and credit is given for the courses already completed.

For ordained Pastors, Evangelists and Missionaries an Equivalency Test is available for credit towards a Bachelor of Religious Studies and Divinity majors.

A copy of the student's official transcripts from other institutions of learning along with evidence of the student's life experience in the Ministry should accompany a student's inquiry to the extension and accelerated program. Every application will be given merit based on the individual's level of training and life experience.

The degree programs are designed on an individual basis according to each student's previous training, life experience and depending on the degree program selected. The course of study follows the same strict guidelines of academic excellence which the resident programs maintain. Tuition rates are the same for all external and extension programs. Students taking in-class courses may pay an additional amount per unit/credit. Books are extra as well.

Students progress at their own pace, depending on individual schedules. However, all **external degree courses** must be completed within six months of enrollment.

MASTERS PROGRAM

Students primarily complete this program through a combination of classroom online work and independent study.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive their **EARNED DEGREE**, students must have satisfactorily completed the required course of study as set forth by the admissions committee. All examinations and written work must be completed and all financial obligations settled before any degree may be awarded.

THE MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS

Graduates will acquire competent knowledge and understanding of biblical, theological and historical aspects of Christianity with the ability to function as a pastor or Christian leader in the marketplace. Students will improve communicative, inspirational, supervisory, administrative, organizational and other managerial skills necessary for fulfilling vision, calling and responsibilities within Christian and marketplace ministries.

Promise Christian University offers three Master degree programs:

- A. **Master of Religious Studies** (30 units and project)
- B. **Master of Ministry** (30 units and projects)
- C. **Master of Theology** (60 units and projects).

- D. Master of Divinity Degree has been available in the past but currently we are not offering this course.

MASTER STUDENTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND MINISTRY SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- * DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE AND accurately exegete scriptures, “a careful study of biblical passages in order to produce useful analysis of the context for effective exposition of the scriptures.
- * BE ABLE TO SPEAK and exhibit communication skills in the public and teaching ministries
- * DEMONSTRATE a capacity to provide leadership within the church setting for both lay and church staff leadership in a multi-cultural setting.
- * DEVELOP personal spiritual habits and disciplines that will foster permanent spiritual formation and professional ministry growth
- * DEMONSTRATE a understanding of the Bible, both old and new testament, rightly dividing the word of truth
- * BE CAPABLE to have a working knowledge of the dynamics of ministering with the church and within a pluralistic society effectively by completing pastoral or marketplace ministry courses.

MASTER STUDENTS IN THEOLOGY

The normal time for completing the degree is between 2-3 years.

Your studies will include:

1. An independent study under faculty direction,
2. Research and Thesis projects
3. Ministry Opportunities and special graduate level courses approved by your academic advisor for credit at other institutions

The ALL Master Program Programs all require the following:

- 1) **Master Level Courses in the area of Emphasis (10)**
 - A. BIB401-458 Theology
 - B. CC401-500 Christian Counseling
 - C. CL/PAS 402-444 Pastoral Ministry
 - D. CE320-410 Christian Education

E. MS204-310 Missions

2) **Master of Theology (20)**
10 Courses as above and 10 courses Old and New Testament,
Church History, and Master Level Projects

- A. Biblical Exposition
- B. Communication

We believe that this program will...

1. Strengthen your personal life of faith.
2. Develop professional competence in ministry.
3. Encourage your growth as you expand your vision for ministry.
4. Develop your expertise in ministry.

REQUIREMENTS:

Admissions:

Requirements: Bachelor in Theology, Ministry, Religious Studies, Pastoral Theology or a BA degree in another field with 5 or more years of Christian Ministry and services in a church setting.

A grade point average of 3.0 or above in all of your coursework work.

Current involvement in a ministry context (pastoring, teaching, missions, evangelism, counseling, marketplace etc.)

Procedures:

1. Complete an application. You may download an application at <http://www.promisechristianuniversity.org> (Promise Christian University) or request an application from Promise Christian University, P.O. Box 3003, Covina, CA 91722.
2. Enclose a \$50 non-refundable application fee and evaluation fee.
3. If not a student at Promise, please send copies of your previous degrees and

transcripts.

4. 2 recommendations from an ordained minister and personal friend.
5. Discuss your application and evaluation with Dr. Adelle McKinney by calling 626 827-6405 Online or External Study. Students may Email: info@my-pcu.com with questions and concerns.

MASTER ENROLLMENT:

1. Complete an updated application.
2. Enclose the Application fee.
3. Pastor or Clergy Minister's recommendation. (If you have graduated less than 2 years before in a "degree program" no recommendations required.) After 3 years, an updated recommendation from your senior pastor.
4. When your Academic Evaluation is completed and approved by you a deposit of \$500 is required and you may pay in full or elect to be on a monthly tuition payment plan.

THE TIME IS NOW

In the 21st Century, reaching and discipling the next generation of believers is not going to happen unless the ministry has the ability to encourage, empower and inspire the next generation of leaders.

Therefore, those who are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be fully equipped and prepared spiritually, morally and educationally, will be able to focus their full attention on strategies and visions for evangelism, missions, teaching and training, leadership development and fulfillment of God's divine plan in their lives.

We believe in the servant leader model, with an emphasis on leadership.

III. THE COST OF THE MASTER PROGRAM TUITION AND FEES

\$50.00	Application Fee
\$150.00	PER UNIT (30-60)
\$60.00	Annual Student Technology Fee Due January 1 or upon Enrollment not prorated.
\$250.00	Graduation Fee