



**MASTER OF ARTS (RELIGION)
IN PASTORAL LEADERSHIP**

**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
ACADEMIC CATALOGUE
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Message from the President

For over 50 years now MCC has offered programs to train people for ministry at an undergraduate level. In 2016, our first graduate students walked across the stage to receive their Master of Arts (Religion) in Pastoral Leadership. As we endeavor to raise the bar in how we approach our ministry at MCC, we encourage students who have completed their B.A. to continue their education by taking the next step to be more practically equipped for ministry.

We are blessed to partner with several doctoral credentialed professors across North America who are highly experienced and come from many walks of life. Those who have completed their M.A. through MCC will testify to the high quality program we offer to help you hone your skills, develop new ones and enhance your ministry. You will find many of the projects and assignments required fit into your present ministry allowing you to make the most of your time as you complete your degree. Small class sizes allow you to get to know your professors and classmates in a personal way, creating a great atmosphere for effective communication.

The fact that you are reading this page shows you are interested in graduate studies. So what is keeping you from taking the next step? If it is the cost, I challenge you to find a M.A. as inexpensive as ours. If it is time, I assure you this program can fit into even a busy schedule. If you are just not sure you can do it, pray about it and know God is faithful when we strive to serve Him. I would love to talk to you about how we can get you started. Call me anytime.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Foreman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" and last name "Foreman" clearly legible.

Benjamin Foreman

**Message from
the Dean of
Graduate Studies**



The world in which we live and minister is more complex than ever before. These complexities call for us to exegete not only the Scriptures, but our church, community, and society in greater detail and with keener insight. The Master of Arts (Religion) in Pastoral Leadership at Maritime Christian College is designed to equip Christian leaders to advance the Christ's Kingdom by heightening their awareness and skills in ministry.

As a graduate program, it assumes not only a level of previous academic study, but life experience and service in the church; both of which are brought into the classroom as a learning lab, led by competent instructors from throughout North America. It forms a community of learners who are committed to Christ, His Church, and His call upon our lives to serve His people and world. It is my privilege to share in this program as Dean and I hope you'll join us at MCC for further study, growth, and preparation to serve.

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

Jim Estep

Our Vision

Developing Christian leaders who transform their world.

Our Mission

- Educating students in a Biblical worldview
- Equipping students to become servant-leaders
- Empowering students to make disciples

Our Core Values

We honour the Bible and its authority.

We practice Christ-like compassion.

We cultivate partnerships with local churches.

We exercise faithful stewardship of kingdom resources.

We pursue excellence in all things.

Our Learning Outcomes

Maritime Christian College has adopted five student learning outcomes that are relevant to the student in carrying out life long learning and ministry.

1. Live Faithfully.
2. Think Biblically.
3. Grow Intellectually.

Character

The character of the College is clearly defined in Maritime Christian College's Fourth By-Law.

- The Maritime Christian College, in its endeavour to educate and equip men and women for Christian service, shall make the Bible its chief textbook, arrange all its courses of study and conduct its work in harmony with the spirit and letter of the Word of God. To this end every director, officer and teacher must be a member of the Church of Christ (undenominational) and must believe, without reservation, in the full and final inspiration of the Bible to the extent that it is to them the infallible Word of God and therefore the all-sufficient rule of faith and life; in the Deity and Supreme authority of Christ; obedience to the Gospel; the edification

of the Church; and the restoration of its unity on the New Testament basis.

- Believing that such faith and a church with a program in harmony with this faith are essential to the salvation of the world, the Maritime Christian College shall endeavor to so educate and inspire its students as to make them effective servants of Christ.
- This school must be independent, separate and apart from all other agencies. While intending to antagonize none, but seeking the friendship and co-operation of all in proportion that like aims are cherished, the Maritime Christian College shall press on to train Christian workers to preach, teach and live Christ.

Our Learning Outcomes

Maritime Christian College has adopted five student learning outcomes, and they are also relevant to the graduate level student in carrying out life long learning and ministry.

1. Live Faithfully.
2. Think Biblically.
3. Grow Intellectually.
4. Improve Professionally.
5. Learn Continually.

The graduate student is often a leader within a ministry context and must live a life worthy of the calling they have received. Adherence to Biblical principles within one's own life is essential for any leader within a ministry context. Likewise, the graduate student should seek out God's Word on a daily basis and have a Christian Worldview by which they can interact within the world, clarifying for all this Biblical perspective in a positive way. They should desire continual learning to face new challenges as they arise within a ministry context.

Our Philosophy of Education

- We believe students and professors shape each other during their class time spiritually, intellectually and emotionally, making face-to-face classroom interaction indispensable to

the student experience.

- We believe offering a lower-cost degree than other institutions serves our students well, especially in light of higher education's 10-fold cost increase over the last four decades; this makes us stand out from the others, but does not mean we have compromised the quality of our education.
- We believe a practical M.A.R. credential fits the needs of students currently working in, or planning to work in, a located ministry setting more than a purely academic degree.
- We believe everything a student does in the M.A.R. in Pastoral Leadership should have immediate, direct, practical application to the student's current ministry context, whether professional or still in preparation for such ministry. We believe relevant work will aid the student more than a purely intellectual exercise. Our adjunct professors also serve within different ministry contexts and they bring their experiences to bear upon our students' lives.
- We believe that, as far as possible, work, ministry and education overlap in a person's life roles, such that we offer this Master's-level program only through intensive-week courses rather than a traditional program with on-campus residential arrangements.

Incorporation



Maritime Christian College began as a vision among a group of Christian individuals who were intensely interested in the Lord's work in the Canadian Maritimes. The vision was fulfilled when the Government of Prince

Edward Island, by granting Letters Patent, incorporated Maritime Christian College on January 19, 1960. Thus Maritime Christian College became Prince Edward Island's only Bible College.

Location and Facility

Maritime Christian College is located in Charlottetown, the capital city of Prince Edward Island. For the first three decades the College shared facilities with a local church. In 1993 the College purchased its own campus at 503 University Avenue, which is adjacent to the University of Prince Edward Island. This campus offers students facilities consisting of on-site residence, classrooms, library and student lounges. The close proximity to the University also enables access to the University facilities, which include their library, cafeteria and sports facilities.

Affiliation

From its conception, Maritime Christian College has been affiliated with and supported by the Christian Churches, Churches of Christ. These Churches are a part of the Restoration Movement, which began in the 19th century by such men as Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone, Alexander Crawford and John Knox. This Movement is based on a plea for unity among God's people by restoring the essential elements of Biblical Christianity. Through the years Maritime Christian College has been providing solid, Biblically-oriented education for Christian leaders who are preparing for a variety of ministry opportunities in the Maritimes and around the world.

Accreditation/Articulation

MCC is recognized by our Provincial legislature as a degree-granting body through The University Act. However, MCC is not accredited through the Higher Learning Commission, Association of Biblical Higher Education, or similar body. MCC has begun securing articulation agreements with similar, though fully-accredited, institutions throughout Canada and the United States for the purpose of furthering one's education beyond the requirements of an M.A.R. degree. These articulation agreements will allow a student to enter a program like the Master of Ministry, Master of Divinity, or even Doctoral programs with many faith-based institutions.

Faculty

The faculty for Maritime Christian College's Master of Arts (Religion) in Pastoral Leadership consists of church leaders and educators with doctoral credentials. They bring their pastoral leadership experiences from serving local church ministries and overseas. Each faculty member, with their particular skill set, provide quality face to face instruction in an intensive week setting enabling our students an opportunity to complete a masters' level while still working full-time in their respective ministries.

Dr. Shan Caldwell

- B.S. Cincinnati Christian University
- M.A., M.Min. Cincinnati Christian University
- D. Min. Trinity Seminary

Dr. Rory Christensen

- B.B.L. Ozark Christian College
- M.A. Johnson University
- M.A. Cincinnati Christian University
- D.Min. Lincoln Christian University

Dr. James Estep

- B.A. Cincinnati Christian University
- M.A., M.A., M.Div. Cincinnati Christian University
- D.Min. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Ph.D. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Dr. Dinelle Frankland

- B.S.M. Lincoln Christian College
- M.M. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- D.W.S. Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies

Dr. Bobby Harrington

- B.A. Harding University & the University of Calgary
- M.A. Harding University
- M.Div. Harding University, University of Calgary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Regent, and Asbury
- D.Min. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Jerran Jackson

- B.A. Nebraska Christian College
- M.A., M.Div. Cincinnati Christian University
- D.Min. Bethel Theological Seminary

Dr. David Roadcup

- B.A. Lincoln Christian College
- M.A. Cincinnati Christian University
- D.Min. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Dr. Mike Shannon

- B.A. Milligan College
- M.Min. Kentucky Christian College
- M.Div. Cincinnati Christian University
- D.Min. Reformed Theological Seminary

Dr. Jeff Snell

- B.B.L., B.Th. Ozark Christian College
- M.A., M.Div. Lincoln Christian Seminary
- D.Min. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

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Board Members teaching as adjunct professors will step away from their role in the board for that semester.

The Master of Arts (Religion) in Pastoral Leadership

MCC's M.A.R. program is designed specifically for the student who is involved in a located ministry, or who wishes to prepare for such a ministry while working professionally. In order to accommodate this type of student, MCC has set up week intensive courses: one in the fall, one in the spring and one in the summer. Completing all 10 courses requires three to four years, including the Capstone Project.

The program consists of thirty three semester hours.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Classroom Requirement:	30
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Church History (MG561)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Church Management (MP501)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Homiletics & Hermeneutics (MP525)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> The Practice of Conflict Resolution (MP535)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Effective Church Leadership and Eldership (MP541)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Healthy Church (MP561)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Mission of the Church: Evangelism (MP571)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> The Art of Self Leadership (MP599)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> The Transformed Life: Discipleship (MP651)	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Theology of Worship (MT601)	3
Capstone Project:	3
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MG561 Early Church History

Forms a core competency in any study of church leadership. Knowing the pitfalls of the past shows how similar we are to our predecessors of years ago, and may give caution and pause to individuals now so we might not make the same mistakes.

MP501 Foundations of Church Management

Addresses various topics of concern for a minister as the primary leader among a congregation such as preaching on generosity and giving, marketing and communication, systems to protect the church and preacher legally, and more.

MP525 Homiletics & Hermeneutics

Enumerates all the various aspects and implications of preaching. God's Word records – cover-to-cover – those that spoke messages on behalf of God, whether judges, priests, or prophets in the Old Testament and/or the Apostles and witnesses of the New Testament. The class will cover the basics of preaching but also advanced topics like long-term teaching/planning and the student's own place and role in the preaching endeavor.

MP535 The Practice of Conflict Resolution

Walks the student through processes of recognizing conflict, whether open or subtle, its underlying causes and motivations, its Biblical implications and various means toward resolution. Conflict in the Body of [Jesus] Christ is not an aspect to manage, as is often phrased (i.e. "conflict management") but is a fact and part of life in the faith community which needs resolution.

MP541 Effective Church Leadership and Eldership

An overview of eldership in New Testament contexts, moving the student from Biblical foundations through the teacher's own ministry experiences (good and/or bad) to give an understanding of Biblically sound church leadership. It will focus on the role "church leader," whether the title is "preacher," "elder," "volunteer" or otherwise, covering both spirit and structure.

MP561 *Becoming a Healthy Church*

Explores the hallmarks of God-honoring, healthy churches. The student and teacher together will deconstruct and apply the New Testament snapshots of church life to current contexts with intense focus on Biblical principles, scrutinizing traditional models and assumptions along the way. A “healthy” church will function differently in different geographies and at different points in its lifetime. The core issue: Jesus died to birth His Bride. He tasked His successors – us – with keeping her fit.

MP571 *Mission of the Church: Evangelism*

Evangelism is a lifestyle, not a program. This course will focus on the urgency of the priesthood of all believers in making God’s Kingdom known in today’s changing contexts.

MP599 *The Art of Self Leadership*

Explores a great continuum of personal character traits, habits and behaviors. Leadership within local churches often becomes extremely high-stress, and this class will explore all the myriad implications of such an environment on all aspects of the local church leader’s life.

MP651 *The Transformed Life: Discipleship*

Disciple-making must occupy the central focus for the local church leader. Innumerable courses and teachers detail church education methods, programs and rationale. This class, however, focuses on the result of all the teaching in a church – the changed lives of those within that specific, local faith community. Changed lives are the entire purpose of the church; this class will prepare students to evaluate whether such change is occurring in their local congregation. If that change is not wrought, this class also prepares them to make the necessary self-changes and changes within the church’s methods such that life-change is realized.

MT601 *Theology of Worship*

Covers, most importantly, “what” and “why” in our worship of God. Worship courses may cover any number of logistical, “how-to” aspects of worship, but the core issue is deeper than that. Worship styles are only a limited, outward expression of the believer’s – and the church’s – inward lifestyle of worship.

CAPSTONE PROJECT

The Master of Arts (Religion) in Pastoral Leadership Capstone Project is a 50 page (18,000-20,000 words) research paper, including notes and bibliography, in a specific field of interest within a ministry context. The Capstone Project is intended to provide evidence that the student has met Maritime Christian College's graduation requirements for its M.A.R. degree.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Academic Work Load

Maritime Christian College brings in doctoral credentialed teachers and preachers in one-week intensive courses three times a year (Summer, Fall and Spring semesters). These intensive weeks allow our students to participate face-to-face with quality leaders. A typical week would include approximately 8 hours of instruction each day for 5 days. This constitutes 36-40 actual contact hours as required by academic standards. A one-week intensive is equivalent to a 3 hour course.

Due to the nature of the one-week intensive, students should register at the beginning of each semester as posted on the current Master Calendar. This will allow time for assignments and readings to be completed prior to the intensive week.

Grades

Graduate courses are graded on a 4.0 grading scale, with 4.0 equaling a letter grade of A. Graduate students are required to achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.5. The following system of grading is used:

Letter	Numerical Value	Grade Points
A	96-100	4.00
A-	94-95	3.67
B+	92-93	3.33
B	88-91	3.00
B-	85-87	2.67
C+	82-84	2.33
C	78-81	2.00
C-	75-77	1.67
D+	72-74	1.33
D	68-71	1.00
D-	65-67	0.67
F*	0-64	0.00
I*	Incomplete	0.00
WP	Withdrew Passing	
WF	Withdrew Failing	

* Percentage of Failing grade will be computed toward student's numerical average.

** The incomplete mark is for the student who, due to extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete the final exam or other work for a course by the posted end date for the course. In conjunction with the professor's agreement and the establishment of a schedule with due dates for completed work, the student will receive an Incomplete instead of a failing grade on their report card. Any Incomplete courses will not be applied to the student's overall G.P.A. If the assigned work is not completed by the set due date, a grade of F will be applied to the student's overall G.P.A.

Academic Probation

Graduate work is intensive and requires due diligence to complete. Any student not completing the assigned work or achieving below a 2.5 cumulative G.P.A. (on a 4.0 scale) over the year will be asked to discontinue their program. A 2.5 cumulative G.P.A over the year is required for a student to remain active in the program.

Transfer of Credits

Transfer students from another Bible or theological seminary may transfer up to 3 classes.

Graduation Requirements

Students are approved for graduation by the staff and faculty as given authority by the Board of Directors. Students must achieve the following requirements:

1. Complete all the academic requirements for the Master of Arts (Religion) in Pastoral Leadership while maintaining a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
2. All courses taken off campus must be completed by the end of the first semester of the year of graduation.
3. All transcripts for courses being transferred must be received by March 1st, of the year of graduation.
4. Financial responsibility is expected and all bills with MCC must be paid in full by April 1st.

APPLICATION

Maritime Christian College Applicants

Maritime Christian College accepts all applications for admission but reserves the right to select from among those students that best fit MCC's stated mission and goals as a post-secondary institution for training Christian leaders.

Maritime Christian College welcomes students from diverse backgrounds, irrespective of physical origin (ethnic, national or racial), skin color, gender, political affiliation, age, marital status, family relationship or handicap. As a faith-based institution, Maritime Christian College makes one exception to a student's background: religious belief and affiliation. Maritime Christian College expects its students to adhere in both good conscience and good faith to its statement of faith, derived directly from Maritime Christian College's fourth By-Law.

Statement of Faith

Maritime Christian College, in its endeavor to educate and equip men and women for Christian service, will make the Bible its chief textbook, arrange all its courses of study, and conduct its work in harmony with both the Spirit and letter of the Word of God. To this end, students must believe without reservation in the full and final inspiration of the Bible such that it is, to the student, the infallible Word of God, and therefore the all-sufficient rule of faith and life; in the Deity and supreme authority of Jesus Christ; obedience to the Gospel; the edification of the Church; and the restoration of its unity on the New Testament basis.

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Education Requirements

1. A Bachelor's degree from a recognized College or University.
2. A 2.5 grade point average (based on a 4.0 grading scale) for the last 60 hours of their undergraduate program.
3. Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey and two classes in Greek or Hebrew.

Procedure

1. Each applicant must complete and return an application for admission form to Maritime Christian College. Applications for admission must be received before any of the three enrollment dates:
 - a. August 1st for the Fall Class
 - b. December 1st for the Spring Class
 - c. April 1st for the Summer Class

International students see the additional application guidelines below.

2. Each applicant is requested to send or have sent to Maritime Christian College:
 - a. Official transcripts of all post secondary work. No photocopies.
 - b. Three references. One is to be completed by a professional with whom they are known, a teacher/professor who is acquainted with their academic ability or elder and an acquaintance who is socially familiar with them.

International Students

An international student is anyone who has not completed a Bachelor's degree in Canada and is not a Canadian citizen.

In addition to steps one and two above:

3. The applicant must apply six months to one year before the intended time of study.

4. Minimum English testing scores required in one of the following:

Test Description	Level of English
IELTS	6.0
TOEFL Paper/Computer/Internet	550/213/80
MELAB	85

Re-Admission

Students who have not been enrolled for 12 months or more will be required to reapply for admission.

Statute of Limitation on Finishing Degree Program

MCC will allow up to 10 years to finish a degree program. After 10 years many classes may have to be retaken due to changes.

FEES

Tuition and fees are made affordable thanks to:

- The generous donations of individuals and churches;
- Our desire to provide a quality Christian education at a reasonable price; and
- Our desire to enable the graduate to enter ministry without being overburdened by debt.

The College Board reserves the right to change the schedule of tuition and fees at any time and without notice.

Tuition*		
Tuition	\$270.00	Per semester hr
Graduation	\$160.00	Degree and hood
Transcript	\$10.00	First copy free

* All tuition fees are due and payable on registration day each semester.

Delinquency of Accounts

- **Administrative Fee** – Accounts remaining unpaid as of the 1st of the month after registration will be assessed a \$100 administrative fee.
- **Interest Charge** – Accounts remaining unpaid in whole or in part as of the end of the semester they are charged will incur 1% non-compounding, cumulative interest on a monthly basis, beginning the month after the end of the semester.
- **Payment of Debts** – MCC considers non-payment of debt a serious issue and is convinced that it will be to the good of any student to take care of his or her financial obligations as they come due. Individuals with open balances will not be able to register for further academic classes. A degree will not be granted, nor will an official transcript be issued, until the student takes care of all financial obligations with the College.

Refund Policy

All tuition fees are due and payable on registration day each semester. Tuition fees are non-refundable.

First Semester

Registration	Tues., Sept.5
Convocation Service – MCC Chapel – 3 pm	Sun., Sept. 10
Thanksgiving Day – No classes	Mon., Oct. 9
Exalt!	Oct. 20–22
Remembrance Day – no classes	Mon., Nov. 13
Grades available and Dean’s List Published	Fri., Dec. 29

Second Semester

Registration	Tues., Jan. 2
Islander Day – No classes	Mon., Feb. 19
Kenneth T. Norris Lectureships	Mar. 6–9
Break – No classes	Mar. 12–16
Good Friday – No classes	Fri., Mar.30
Easter Monday – No classes	Mon., Apr. 2
Grades available and Dean’s List Published	Fri., May 4
Graduation Banquet	Fri., May 4
Graduation – MCC Chapel – 2pm	Sat., May 5

Third Semester

Registration	Tues., May 15
Grades available and Dean’s List Published	Fri., Aug.31

