

## 15. Master of Arts in Diakonia (MA-D)

This program can also be completed by taking courses in the evening and Saturday solely.

### a. Program Goals

The Master of Arts in Diakonia degree program aims to equip students to be leaders who are competent in carrying out diaconal projects and trainings in the church or diaconal institutions (e.g., Christian schools, medical institutions and social services organizations). After completion, students would acquire: i) solid understanding on diakonia as the core mission of the Church; ii) the knowledge and skills in planning and implementing diakonia; iii) diaconal spirituality; and iv) capabilities in doing diaconal education.

### b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least one year prior to application for study; iii) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program; iv) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

### c. Program Content

#### i) Core Courses

	credits
OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament	3
NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament	3
CT1000 Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
MC1000 Introduction to Missiology	3
DM2009 Dogmatics (Module A)	3
DK2000/OT2012/NT2011 Biblical Perspectives on Diakonia	3
DK2019/CH2016 Diaconal Theology and Practices in History	3
DK3000 Diakonia and Leadership	3
DK3001 Diaconal Practicum	3
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subtotal	27

#### ii) Guided Electives (3 courses)

Courses on Diakonia (DK); or	
CP2011 Essential Counseling Skills; or	
RC3007/DM3018 Public Theology	
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subtotal	9

#### iii) Free Electives

2 courses	6
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<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>42</b>
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**d. Diaconal Practicum**

Students without experience in diaconal work are required to do a diaconal practicum in a local church or diaconal institution. For those students who have much experience in diaconal work, the 3 credits of diaconal practicum may be substituted by a free elective.

**e. Credits**

Full-time students in the MA-D program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

Conditions	Credit Exemption
i) graduate of graduate certificate or graduate diploma or a master's degree programs in the Theological Education by Extension	a maximum of half of the earned credits with a grade of 'B+' or above
ii) a bachelor's degree holder with a major in Christianity	a maximum of 18 credits on the foundational theological training

**f. Duration**

This program requires two academic years if taking courses at all times; four academic years if taking evening and Saturday courses only. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed six years.

**g. Requirements for Graduation**

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

**h. Further Study**

If a MA-D degree holder continues to study for the Master of Divinity (MDIV) program at LTS, or for the Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T) program with a Bachelor of Theology degree, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted.

If a MA-D degree holder continues to study for the Master of Arts program in a specific emphasis (MA-CC/MA-CS/MA-SD/MA-M) or Master of Arts in Theology (MA-T) program at LTS, a maximum of 18 or 21 credits can be exempted respectively.