

Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry Admissions Policy

The GCDM is a credit-bearing, transcribed package of courses intended for those who are currently working with people with disabilities in order that they might be more attuned to the opportunities and challenges of ministering in a world where sharing life with people with disabilities is normal. This element of lived learning is crucial to the success of the program. Consequently, students applying for admission must document how they plan to collaborate with people with disabilities as they pursue certification.

WTS will offer enough disability-related electives for a student to complete the GCDM within two years, but will not offer all disability-related electives every academic year or in any given two-year period.

- Students with a completed bachelors degree may apply for the GCDM and, upon completion of the certificate may apply the credits earned from the GCDM into an MDiv or an MA.
- Existing MDiv or MA students at WTS may apply for and earn the GCDM by completing MN116 *Introduction to Disability and the Church* and four (4) of the disability-related electives. The courses may be taken as electives while enrolled, in which case the GCDM will be presented to the student upon graduation. If the work for the GCDM is incomplete upon graduation, the necessary additional courses may be taken subsequent to graduation, and the GCDM will be conferred upon completion of requirements.
- Graduates who already possess an MA or MDiv (from any ATS approved institution) who apply for the GCDM will be required to complete MN116 *Introduction to Disability and the Church* and four (4) of the disability-related electives.