

MDiv Program Outcomes:

Graduates of the Master of Divinity program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School will be:

1. Grounded in Scripture and the Gospel

As evidenced by:

- 1.1. An understanding of and commitment to the Gospel and Evangelical orthodoxy within its historical context.
- 1.2. An understanding of and commitment to Scripture as the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged.
- 1.3. Hermeneutical competence in bringing Scripture, in its original languages, to bear on oneself, the church and society.

2. Growing in Christian Maturity and Faithfulness

As evidenced by:

- 2.1. A growing understanding of one's own creatureliness, depravity and Christian identity in the light of God's grace.
- 2.2. A growing dependence upon God's grace through the regular practice of "means of grace" both privately and in Christian community.
- 2.3. A life which demonstrates commitment to being a disciple of Christ and growing in obedience to his commands.
- 2.4. A growing dependence on and submission to the Holy Spirit as is evidenced by fruit of the Spirit in the context of relationships.

3. Equipped for Leadership and Pastoral Ministry

As evidenced by:

- 3.1. The ability to articulate a biblical vision for the local church and pastoral leadership; engaging the multifaceted challenges of ministry with integrity and growing wisdom.
- 3.2. A growing proficiency in the ministry of the Word and the "care of souls," both in corporate and individual contexts.
- 3.3. An understanding of and commitment to a biblical strategy for educating, equipping and leading the whole church toward Christian discipleship and maturity.
- 3.4. An understanding of a biblical theology of Christian worship as well as competence in planning and leading the corporate gatherings of the church.
- 3.5. An understanding of one's own gifts for ministry, reflection on God's vocational leading, and a commitment to ongoing growth as a leader and minister.

4. Able to Engage with a Diverse World for the Sake of the Gospel

As evidenced by:

- 4.1. An understanding of God's historical-redemptive mission in the world and commitment to being a partner in that mission through word and deed.
- 4.2. An understanding of and commitment to cross-cultural engagement for the sake of the Gospel, critically reflecting on one's own cultural biases and seeking to be a learner from other cultures for the sake of the Gospel.
- 4.3. Competence in "cultural exegesis," both in reference to congregational culture and broader society.