

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY: YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

This four-year program prepares students for leadership in youth & family ministry in a local church or church agency. There is a unique blending of biblical, theological, and practical ministry skills through classroom instruction and co-op placements in a ministry setting. While this program is designed primarily for entry to youth and family ministry, it also provides a solid foundation for graduate studies in a seminary setting.

Objectives

In addition to the objectives identified for the common first year MountainTop Certificate program (p. 32), this program also enables students to begin to:

1. Understand and apply Scripture to matters of youth & family in the Church.
2. Teach youth and families to think theologically and discuss relevant issues of society, life and faith.
3. Perform the responsibilities of a youth and family pastor or as a Christian community youth worker.
4. Demonstrate the gifts and skills necessary for public and personal ministry with youth and families.
5. Relate well to youth and adults.

Career Path

Students graduating from this program find employment as youth & family pastors or youth workers in church agencies, camping ministries, group homes, working with street youth, and some front-line social work relating to youth and families, and may pursue further studies in a seminary context. Transfer credits to other schools are awarded at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Coordinator

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Currently the Director of People Development for YFC Canada, Dr. Andrews has also held the positions of Director of Leadership Development, National Training Director for YFC, Youth Centre Director and Campus Life Staff, and a church youth director. His professional interests include youth & family ministry, youth and adult culture, leadership coaching, preaching, and evangelism. When not working, he enjoys playing and watching soccer, cycling, and other sports, travel, movies, reading, and spending time with his family.

Notes

- Admission to and continuance in this program are at the discretion of the program coordinator and the College admissions committee. Supporting documents, including a completed program questionnaire and additional references, may be required.
- Please contact the Program Coordinator and Director of Field Education for further information regarding Co-op requirements.

The program consists of:

36 hours Bible & Theology, 36 hours General Studies, 33 hours Professional Studies, 12 hours Free Electives, 12 Field Education and Youth Co-op credits.

Requirements

Division	Course Requirements	Credits
Bible & Theology	Old Testament Survey	3
	New Testament Survey	3
	Bible Foundations	3
	Bible Study Skills	3
	Old Testament Elective 200 level	3
	New Testament Elective 200 level	3
	Old or New Testament Elective 300 level	3
	Old or New Testament Elective 300 level	3
	Introduction to Theology	3
	Theology Elective 300 level (x2)	6
Theology Elective 300 or 400 level	3	
General Studies	Ideas & Civilizations	3
	Sociology	3
	Psychology and Culture of Youth	3
	Ethics	3
	Introduction to Communication	3
	Group Dynamics	3
	Cross-Cultural Communication	3
	Church History Survey	3
	Family Dynamics	3
	General Studies Elective 200 or 300 level (x2)	6
General Studies Elective 300 level	3	
Professional Studies	Personal Discipleship	3
	Missional Discipleship	3
	Introduction to Leadership	3
	Managin Ministries & Organizations	3
	Preaching Skills I OR Oral Communications	3
	Interpersonal & Helping Skills	3
	Philosophy of Ministry	3
	Introduction to Youth & Family Ministries	3
	Evangelism and Discipleship of Youth	3
Critical Issues in Youth & Family Ministry I and II	6	
Free Electives	Elective (x4)	12
Field Education	Field Education and Ministry Preparation	1
	Field Education Intercultural Studies (x2)	2
	Field Education (x3)	3
	Co-operative Education	6
		TOTAL 129

Students may use the free Electives to take one of the Concentrations listed under the BRE Professional Studies program.