



DISCOVER

MAS Church Planting Residency



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About Metro Atlanta Seminary

MAS is a seminary in the metro Atlanta area fully accredited through the Association of Reformed Seminaries and supported by the Christian Education Committee of the Metro Atlanta Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America. "The heart of MAS is to equip and train leaders for the church who will be able to meet the challenges of the 21st century. We believe that interactive classes, thought-provoking curriculum, and a healthy diet of real life ministry opportunities are the way to train leaders. We focus on the development of character and competence while helping students grow in their faith. We keep the classes small because we want an interactive and engaging learning environment. Head knowledge is good and needed but taking it to heart and actually applying it is our end goal. Our vision is to educate and mentor students to become Christ-centered so that they will become leaders in the church, fulfilling the great commandment and the great commission."

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Purpose

The MAS Church Planting Residency is a 9-month program that is a collaboration between Metro Atlanta Seminary and Metro Atlanta Collective. This residency gives prospective church planters an opportunity to explore their interest through exposure to theological studies, practical reflection on key issues related to church planting, and mentored processing of their potential call.

Applicants without an MDiv

OPTION 1 {1 year }
Certificate in Christian Studies

Certificate credits can be transferred to other undergraduate and graduate programs.

OPTION 2 {3 year }
Masters of Divinity

Continue on to complete your MDiv.

Applicants with an MDiv

1 YEAR
Non-coursework Track

Mentoring and Practicum aspects only.

All applicants will secure a MAC-qualified church planting mentor.

Description

The Discover Residency is designed to assist the resident as they confirm their calling to plant a church. This is more than mere theological training, but hands-on exposure to what it takes to plant, all under the guidance of a specialized mentor. The mentor will assess not only doctrine, but temperament, personality profile, and understanding of leadership dynamics.

Objectives

1. Provide the resident with church planting education in the field.
2. Provide the resident with mentor processed church planting training.
3. Provide the resident with an assessment of their readiness to plant.

Commitments from MAC/MAS

1. Provide local, skilled, specialized church planting mentors
2. Provide exceptional professors and teachers
3. Provide encouragement, spiritual accountability, and growth
4. Provide an honest assessment of the resident's readiness to plant

Expectations and Commitments

1. Lean in
2. Be on time
3. Complete all assignments
4. Attend all mentoring meetings
5. Maintain a teachable spirit
6. Interact and encourage other residents



Coursework [For Residents without an MDiv]

Quarter 1: Late Summer

OT Survey
Doctrine of Scripture

Quarter 2: Fall

NT Survey
Hermeneutics

Quarter 3: Winter

Making Disciples
God, Man, and Sin

Quarter 4: Spring

Person and Work of Christ
Sermon Preparation



Practicum | Field Education [Overseen by Mentor]

1. Visit three different church plant worship services. Write a description of your experiences and discuss them with your mentor.
2. Interview three church planters concerning their day-to-day experiences in the field. Write a summary of what you have learned and discuss with your mentor.
3. Complete a personality / temperament profile and discuss the results with your mentor.
4. Spend time with unchurched unbelievers. Write a summary of what you learned from the experience and discuss it with your mentor.
5. Teach (in some capacity) for your home church (Bible study, youth group lesson, men's group lesson, etc.) and discuss the experience with your mentor.

Mentoring

Quarter 1: Foundations

Read: *Planting Missional Churches (2nd Edition)*

- Chapter 1: The Basics of Church Planting
- Chapter 2: Redeveloping a Missional Mindset for North America
- Chapter 3: The Biblical Basis of Church Planting
- Chapter 4: What Makes a Church Planter?

Read: *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*

- Introduction
- Chapter 1: The Natural Condition of the Human Ego
- Chapter 2: The Transformed View of Self

Quarter 2: Models

Read: *Planting Missional Churches (2nd Edition)*

- Chapter 5: Leadership Models
- Chapter 6: Missional/Incarnational Churches
- Chapter 7: Simple Churches
- Chapter 8: Multiethnic or Monoethnic Churches
- Chapter 9: Multisite Planting

Read: *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*

- Chapter 3: How to Get That Transformed View of Self

Quarter 3: Systems

Read: *Planting Missional Churches (2nd Edition)*

- Chapter 10: Church Structure
- Chapter 11: Planter-Pastor Leadership Issues
- Chapter 12: Choosing a Focus Group
- Chapter 13: Developing a Launch Team
- Chapter 14: Finding and Handling Finances
- Chapter 15: Finding a Meeting Place
- Chapter 16: The Launch - The Birth of a New Church
- Chapter 17: Growing in the New Church
- Chapter 18: Congregational Formation

Quarter 4: Ministry Areas

Read: *Planting Missional Churches (2nd Edition)*

- Chapter 19: Building a Team
- Chapter 20: Evangelism
- Chapter 21: Small Groups
- Chapter 22: Worship
- Chapter 23: Preaching
- Chapter 24: Spiritual Formation
- Chapter 25: Children

Expectations

Keep a reading journal of your observations and take-aways.

Discuss what you are reading with your mentor at monthly meetings.

Upload the journal by the last day of each quarter.



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Vision

Our vision is to glorify God and help Atlanta flourish through a movement of gospel-centered, healthy, multiplying churches.

Mission

Our mission is to cultivate a network of leaders who **plant, strengthen, and renew** churches throughout Atlanta.

Values

Kingdom-minded
Gospel-centered
Leader-focused
Culturally-engaged
Prayerfully-confident
Theologically-grounded
Contextually-adaptable

Beliefs

Our beliefs are consistent with the Apostles' and Nicene creeds and are committed to the five "solas" of the Reformation:

Christ Alone
Grace Alone
Faith Alone
Glory of God Alone
Scripture Alone.

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