

## Master's of Pastoral Ministry Capstone Course (6V90)

**The Braniff Graduate School, Department of Theology Capstone Project for Pastoral Ministry Majors** is the final major initiative of the **Master's of Pastoral Ministry degree** designed to indicate how you have integrated your coursework into your ministry. This three-credit course (one credit for Youth Ministry concentration), completed during your final semester, and provides you either with the opportunity for a hands-on experience in your ministry concentration or an in-depth research opportunity. By completing a Capstone Project you will demonstrate your ability to think critically, integrate the theology appropriate to your ministry, plan and execute a ministry and/or research project, and reflect theologically on your ministry.

**The Capstone Project** requires you to develop either a practical ministry project or a research project in your concentration. Your Capstone begins by developing a project proposal which will be approved by the Capstone Committee and the Graduate Ministry Director. Once you have received approval of your project, site, and on-site supervisor, you will be able to proceed with your Project, working closely with both your supervisor and your professor. When completed, you will be asked to reflect theologically on your experience and formally present your Project to your professor. All Capstone project reports will be archived by the Department of Theology and made available for review by other students as needed.

### During the semester prior to your Capstone:

#### By midterm:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Develop ideas for a ministry or research project
- \_\_\_\_\_ Choose a professor from the Graduate Ministry faculty to direct your Capstone
- \_\_\_\_\_ Receive initial approval for your project or research topic from professor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Receive approval for your ministry site and supervisor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete Capstone application form

#### By end of term:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Receive final approval from the Capstone Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for the Capstone (6V90)

### During your Capstone semester:

- Week 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Meet with your Capstone professor
  
- Weeks 2 – 11: \_\_\_\_\_ Conduct your project/research  
\_\_\_\_\_ Finalize your paper/portfolio with approval from your Capstone professor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Meet regularly with your supervisor as needed
  
- Week 12: \_\_\_\_\_ Submit your final Capstone project in paper or portfolio form  
\_\_\_\_\_ Submit a written theological reflection on your experience
  
- Week 14: \_\_\_\_\_ Complete final evaluation with your Capstone professor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Conduct a formal presentation of your Capstone project