PASTORAL STUDIES (M.A.)

This program is offered online or on campus.

Please note: in response to the COVID-19 pandemic all GRE's Fall 2021 on-campus courses will be served remotely. In-person learning is scheduled to resume for the Spring 2022 semester. For the latest information please visit GRE's COVID-19 response page.

The Master of Arts degree (M.A.) in pastoral studies prepares students to serve in parishes, denominational offices, schools, hospitals, and other such organizations where leadership depends on skilled cultivation of religiously informed practice. This degree is also designed to meet the requirements for pastoral ministers set out by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Association for Lay Ministry. Courses include scripture, theology, spirituality, pastoral care and counseling, religious education, and ministry. This degree provides a solid foundation for students seeking to follow many different career paths that benefit from bringing religion scholarship to service.