

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (ADV CERT)

Overview

The advanced certificate in spiritual direction is designed to assess a student's potential to become a spiritual director, and it supports students in their efforts to:

- discern a call to this ministry;
- formulate a model of spiritual direction and chaplaincy, and
- develop the specific skills required to serve as a spiritual director.

Graduates of the program serve as high school and college campus ministers, retreat directors, and spiritual directors.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate facilities with methods of research in specific theological disciplines for post graduate and doctoral studies.
2. Students will communicate the Christian story competently to make it accessible through a variety of means (e.g. teaching, writing, dialogue, personal consultation).
3. Students will articulate the relationship between the Christian tradition and their professional practice and spiritual development.
4. Students will articulate a well-rounded knowledge and critical appropriation of Jesuit Spirituality and the Catholic intellectual tradition.
5. Students will use tools of literary, cultural, historical, and social analysis in the interpretation of various cultures and their relationship to the Christian tradition.
6. Students will demonstrate a well-rounded and critical appropriation of effective ministerial skill in ecclesial, congregational, and institutional settings with theological understanding and practical skills consistent with his/her specialization.