

# PURSUE A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY DEGREE

Discover a faith-focused degree with Briercrest College

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The background of the page is a photograph of a library. It shows long aisles of white bookshelves filled with books. The ceiling has recessed square lights. In the foreground, a person is seen from the back, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, holding an open book. The overall atmosphere is quiet and studious.

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# CHRISTIAN MINISTRY DEGREE AT BRIERCREST



Do you feel a deep calling to make a difference in the lives of others? Christian Ministry offers a path for those who feel called by God to serve in a church or parachurch setting.

We strive to provide students with the knowledge and practical experience needed for a successful vocation in ministry. By doing so, our students can acquire the right tools to navigate ministry effectively in rapidly changing contexts. Here are some of the ways we achieve this goal:

- Help students grow spiritual formation practices.
- Reinforce the development of Christ-like character.
- Equip them with a solid biblical foundation and practical ministry skills.
- Provide experiential training through a prolonged internship.

See how you can grow in your faith while preparing for ministry.



# BRIERCREST CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AT A GLANCE

The Christian Ministry program at Briercrest will provide a solid biblical and theological grounding, practical ministry training, and hands-on practicum experience. Choose a specialized concentration that will prepare you to work in church or para-church organizations.

## PROGRAM FEATURES

- Small, discussion-based classes.
- Solid foundation of biblical and theological courses.
- Experiential learning through internships and Service Learning.
- Accredited by ABHE.

## CHRISTIAN MINISTRY COURSES

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| • Evangelism and Discipleship        | • Leading Volunteers and Groups |
| • Homiletics                         | • Children's Ministry Skills    |
| • Spiritual Formation in Ministry    | • Contemporary Youth Issues     |
| • Worship in the Christian Tradition | • Pastoral Practices            |



# CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

## UNIQUE PROGRAM FEATURES

This program prepares students for effective ministry in church and para-church contexts. It pairs quality classroom instruction with experiential education. It further provides a strong liberal arts foundation, as well as biblical and theological grounding. Additionally, the program establishes a firm foundation for further study at the graduate level.

Students in the program can choose one concentration for study: Youth Studies, Children's Studies, Pastoral Studies, or Worship Arts. Each concentration has specialized courses pertaining to that field of study.

In addition, the Christian Ministry program provides formational ministry training courses applicable to all areas of ministry. The capstone of the degree is an 18-credit-hour internship (9 credit hours per semester) that lasts a minimum of seven months. Students will have the opportunity to intern with one of the internship placement sites located across Canada.



### CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CONCENTRATIONS

- Youth Studies
- Children's Studies
- Pastoral Studies
- Worship Arts





# CAREER SKILLS YOU'LL GAIN AT BRIERCREST

*University-level  
degree in a  
Bible college  
environment.*

## **STRONG THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION**

All our programs are based on a solid understanding of Scripture. You will learn to read and study the Bible for yourself and develop a biblical worldview that will inform your ministry. With this knowledge, you will be equipped to serve the church and the world in ways that glorify God.

## **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

As a ministry student, you will learn how to communicate the gospel clearly and effectively. You will also learn how to lead and manage people in a church context. This knowledge and experience will prepare you for a life of impactful ministry.

## **MINISTRY SKILLS**

Prepare for ministry however and wherever you are called. Combine practical biblical and ministry training with perspectives from the social sciences, religious studies, and intercultural studies. You will gain skills and insights to help you serve with excellence and make a lasting difference.

# CAREER PATHWAYS

Here are just a few of the many career pathways open to our Christian Ministry graduates since they can customize their program to match their area of interest:

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

Graduates gain a strong biblical foundation and key ministry skills, including preaching, pastoral care, and leadership. They are well-prepared to impact their communities and lead pastoral teams or local churches.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Studies concentration prepares individuals to engage with and support young people, helping them grow in their faith and navigate life's challenges. Many graduates step into careers in youth or camp ministry, finding opportunities in both church and parachurch settings.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's ministry environments are notably volunteer-intensive, which is why our program prioritizes team building and volunteer development. This approach ensures that graduates are well-prepared to create supportive, dynamic communities that nurture both children and volunteers alike.

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Christian Ministry: Worship Arts concentration equips graduates with essential skills in preaching, worship leadership, volunteer recruitment, small groups, and spiritual formation. These competencies enable them for dual roles like Worship/Youth or Worship/Associate leadership, making them strong candidates for leadership positions.

## BRIERCREST CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

*graduates use  
their skills to  
pursue exciting  
careers in  
pastoral, youth,  
children's, and  
worship ministry.*





# WHAT OUR GRADUATES SAY

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A Briercrest Christian Ministry degree opens doors to various careers and jobs. Hear alumni and students describe the workplace preparation they experienced in their Briercrest degrees.

"I'm a Pastor in full-time vocational ministry, and I can truly attest that I feel prepared and confident in what the BA in Christian Ministry has prepared me for. And for that, I am grateful."

**WILLIAM**

Youth Pastor

"The Christian Ministry program at Briercrest is unlike anything I've experienced! Not only am I learning what it means to build the Kingdom of God in my classes, but I am also experiencing that in the college community!"

**BAILEY**

BA Christian Ministry '23

"The Christian Ministry program is so unique in that it is really a collective of people who feel the calling to make a positive impact on God's people."

**LIAM**

Youth and Young Adults Pastor



# NEXT STEPS

Have questions? Click on the questions for more information



Can I visit campus?

We love visitors!  
Come for an Experience  
Briercrest event or book a  
campus tour.

[Come Visit Us!](#)



I'm not sure I can afford it...

It is a big commitment! We  
have scholarships and  
awards to help.

[View Finance Options](#)



How do I apply?

How exciting!  
Let's get you started.

[Go to Application](#)



Can I transfer between  
Briercrest and other schools?

Yes!  
We want to give you credit  
for what you've already  
learned, too.

[Get Info on Transferring](#)



How does Briercrest College  
compare to a university?

Great question!  
At Briercrest, you will receive  
a university recognized  
degree.

[View Our Accreditation](#)



I'd like more information  
about Briercrest College!

No problem!  
Let's connect you to our  
academic advisers.

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