

Table 16.F. Trinity Lutheran Seminary Statement of Educational Effectiveness

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University Statement of Educational Effectiveness

Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, offers the following degrees as part of its mission of *forming leaders for Christ's church at work in the world*:

- Master of Divinity (M.Div.)
- Master of Theological Studies (MTS)
- Master of Sacred Theology (STM)
- Doctor of Ministry (DMin)

Program outcomes for the M.Div. are that graduates will:

- Use Appropriately the Resources of Scripture and the Church's Historical and Theological Tradition
- Proclaim and Communicate Effectively the Gospel
- Interpret and Engage with Diverse Contexts of Mission and Ministry
- Exercise Pastoral Leadership in Ministry Contexts and the Public Realm
- Demonstrate Practices of a Healthy Faith Leader

The M.Div. curriculum is structured to ensure that each of these program outcomes is introduced effectively and that students have multiple opportunities throughout their coursework and contextual education experiences to reinforce these skills in order to demonstrate mastery by the time they graduate.

Of the three M.Div. graduates in 2024, all are ordained and serving in congregational ministry.

Comprehensive assessment of MTS and STM graduates is done through the evaluation of capstone writing projects: two summative essays (MTS) or a thesis (STM). MTS graduates, through two summative essays, demonstrate the ability to *integrate* core themes and concepts from their area of concentration and to *apply* their learning to a significant question or issue. STM graduates, through a thesis, demonstrate the ability to do advanced scholarly work in their area of academic interest.

Of the six MTS graduates in 2024, two are serving in congregational ministry, one is employed as a chaplain, one is employed in a faith-based non-profit organization, one is pursuing further study, and one is teaching religion to children.

There was one STM graduate in 2024, who is continuing to serve in congregational ministry.

Comprehensive assessment of the Doctor of Ministry program is done through the evaluation of a ministry-based research project and thesis. There were two DMin graduates in 2024, both of whom continue to serve in congregational ministry.