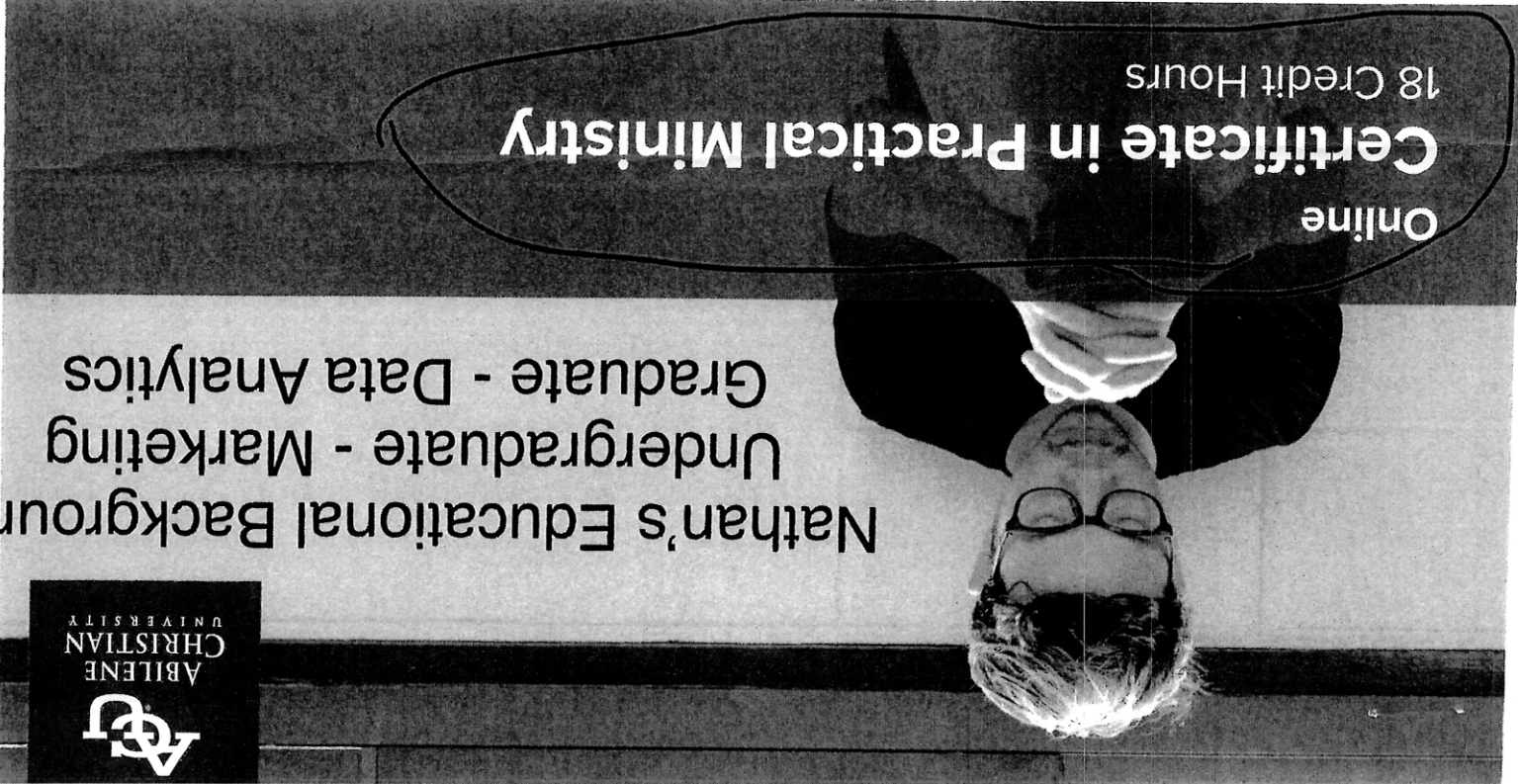




Nathan's Educational Background
Undergraduate - Marketing
Graduate - Data Analytics

Online
Certificate in Practical Ministry
18 Credit Hours

Admission Requirements:

Cost:

- Completed application and application fee of \$50.
- Official transcript of all previous colleges attended. The transcript must indicate an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or equivalent.
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Reflective essay (purpose statement) 3-5 pages typed, double spaced.
- Complete an academic writing assessment.



Graduation Requirements:

Students must earn a 3.0 GPA or higher to meet graduation requirements and successfully complete all required courses.

Job Outlook in Texas:



136,207 Jobs
Open in 2024*



6,342
Unique Postings (1/22-11/23)



\$45,600
Median Earnings
per year

*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with a Bachelor's degree.
Source: Emsi Analyst 2024.

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2024-2025 Academic Year

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- Acquired Skills:**
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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| • Youth Ministry | • Top Hard Skills |
| • Theology | |
| • Children's Ministry | |
| • Discipleship | |
| • Communication | • Top Common Skills |
| • Leadership | |
| • Planning | |
| • Teaching | |



Children's Ministry Concentration

BIBM 675 Spiritual Formation of Children
This course explores the processes of Christian spiritual formation and implications for ministry with children in a variety of contexts. Students will engage critically with theological, sociological, and cultural frameworks as they consider how to nurture children toward full participation in the kingdom of God.

BIBM 673 Ministry with Children and Families
Through interviews and participant observation, students will learn to examine the family, school, church, and community contexts of the spiritual lives of children so as to be able more effectively to engage in their pastoral care. Intellectual, spiritual, and social dimensions of the formation of children will be attended to, as will the theological and biblical underpinnings of children's ministry.

BIBM 693 Church and Family Ministry
Students will explore the sociological, educational, and theological dimensions of churches and families. Students will write ethnographies of church and family systems and then build educational programs that respond to the reality of ministry in such settings. Students learn how to move beyond therapeutic or schooling models of Christian education to more holistic approaches.

Worship Ministry Concentration

BIBM 657 Contexts of Ministry
Identify and explore contemporary ministry contexts. Students will study and practice methods of observation and reflection on ministry that result in an enriched practice of ministry in diverse contexts.

BIBH 655 History of Christianity in America
Christianity in America from its beginnings to the present. Special emphasis on the colonial period, the democratization of Christianity, the development of 19th-century denominationalism, the rise of ecumenism, and contemporary trends.

OR

BIBD 631 Historical Theology
This course traces the development of one or more theological topics over time by investigating historical contexts, the theological perspectives that emerge from them, and their lasting influences on the Christian tradition.

BIBM 670 Worship
Examines biblical, historical, theological and practical perspectives on worship.

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Core Curriculum:

BIBM 603 Foundations of the Theology of Ministry
A cornerstone experience for students enrolled in the ministerial formation programs (MDiv, MAGS, or MACM) which introduces ministry students to the resources and practices in the fields of practical theology and contextual education.

BIMS 649 Reading and Engaging Contemporary Culture
Provides an overview of the theory and history of anthropology, including an in-depth investigation of the notion of culture. Students will engage in critical reflection on the use of anthropological theory for praxis in global context.

BIBL 682 Teaching Scripture to the Contemporary Church
An examination of the challenges of a teaching ministry in contemporary church settings, with a reconsideration of the literary, rhetorical, and theological dimensions of Scripture and how Scripture shapes the processes and contents of teaching. Significant attention is given to the effects of culture on a teaching ministry so that students may begin to develop more sophisticated curricular options for church education. Teaching methods also receive significant attention.



Youth & Family Ministry Concentration

BIBM 635 Engaging Adolescents in Christian Formation
Explores the processes of Christian spiritual formation and implications for ministry with adolescents. Students will think critically and theologically about adolescence as a socially constructed concept and plan intentionally for spiritual formation in a ministry directed at those in this time of life.

BIBM 646 Youth and Family Ministry
A detailed study of youth/family ministry in light of congregational systems, developmental studies, and youth culture with readings on topics significant to advanced youth ministry.

BIBM 693 Church and Family Ministry

Students will explore the sociological, educational, and theological dimensions of churches and families. Students will write ethnographies of church and family systems and then build educational programs that respond to the reality of ministry in such settings. Students learn how to move beyond therapeutic or schooling models of Christian education to more holistic approaches.

Expected cost for course work excluding books is \$2,250

+ Scholarship

+ Outcomes

+ Admission Requirements

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