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# Online M.Min. Prepares Graduates to Serve Well Whatever the Calling

by Clem Boyd

Cedarville's Master of Ministry (M.Min.) not only prepares Christians to serve well wherever God may call them, but the new online option makes it easy for them to take classes while continuing in their ministry roles — serving patients in a hospital, leading small-group ministry at church, or sharing truth with refugees.

"We've gone online to make it accessible to people unable to relocate to Cedarville," noted Jason Lee, Dean of the School of Biblical and Theological Studies. "Even for residential students, the online program gives them more course options. If they're working another job or have a ministry schedule, this provides a way for them to take a full slate where before they would have been limited to a couple of courses."

The online option could benefit an associate pastor serving in western New York, who's deeply connected to his church's ministry, and doesn't want to move, Lee explained. Or it might help a new Christian in a missions context who is being encouraged to seek greater biblical and theological depth.

Even the student who can only take one class that's part of the M.Min. program will benefit. And the free first class offered with the Cedarville M.Min. makes it possible for anyone who wants to learn more about the Bible to do so.

"It's amazing what one class can do," Lee said. "It may expose you to a group of readings or thought processes that hadn't dawned on you before. It can open your eyes to see what real-life ministry can look like. And later, maybe you'll take another course. But it's all about advancing what you can do in ministry to others."

The M.Min. prepares those in part-time or associate ministry positions, Lee explained, but it can help anyone who wants to enhance the ministry aspect of their particular job, whether it's a teacher, social worker, nurse, or communications professional. Due to the generous support of ministry-minded donors, the online M.Min. is a cost-effective means to enhance ministry knowledge and skills. And don't forget: the first class is free of charge.

Scott New, M.Min. '15 is currently an associate pastor. He benefited greatly from the Cedarville program. "I cannot imagine serving without first having the M.Min.," he said. "I would find it hard to believe that anyone interested in ministry would not find the degree useful. I use what I learned in the M.Min. program every day."

Rebecca Horn, M.Min. '16 first found her degree useful in small-group ministry with her local church. Now, she's using the knowledge and skills she developed to minister to Middle Eastern and North African refugees living in Austria.

"If you are intentional about living out practically what you learn online, you will benefit greatly from the program," commented Horn. "I use everything I learned during my studies."

"The M.Min. takes you deeper in your personal relationship with God and shows you how your entire life can be used for the purpose of ministering to others," she said. "You learn how to study the Bible and disciple others in your everyday life."

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## Program Highlights

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- Fully **online or residential** format
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- 10 quality classes plus colloquium and internship can be completed in just **one year**
- **Flexible schedule** for vocational ministers and working professionals seeking biblical training
- **Open to anyone** who — regardless of age or career path — desires to grow in the Word of God

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