

GRADUATE PROGRAM Master of Science (MS) and Graduate Certificate

Thanatology ONLINE

Inspired to learn

Marian's Thanatology Program is designed to prepare individuals for employment in organizations that focus on the delivery of care for individuals and families confronting end-of-life healthcare and subsequent bereavement issues, and/or to prepare individuals for employment in organizations that specialize in suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention.

A hallmark of the thanatology program is an accomplished faculty of nationally recognized experts. Our faculty are leaders in the field, regularly publish in significant journals and trade books, are invited to speak at national conferences, and bring years of experience working in professional settings. You'll benefit from their personalized instruction and guidance, and be positioned to form connections with hospitals, hospices, nonprofit organizations and other employers.

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The program combines rigorous study across the spectrum of end-of-life studies with content in palliative and hospice care, ethics, spirituality and religion, suicide, suicide prevention, unnatural death, end-of-life decision-making, communication with service providers and families, program development and assessment, diversity, death education, and a core curriculum grounded in thanatology theory and practice.

Graduates of the program find employment through a variety of areas, including:

- Churches
- Funeral homes
- Hospices
- Hospitals
- Non-profit organizations

Required coursework

Core Curriculum:

Course #	Course name	Credits
THA 605	Foundations of Thanatology*	3
THA 615	Bereavement Theory & Practice*	3
THA 625	Theological Perspectives in Thanatology*	3
THA 630	Thanatology Research Methods	3
THA 640	Applied Ethics & the End of Life*	3
THA 795	Applied Thanatology Capstone	3

Electives:

Course #	Course name	Credits
THA 705	Death in the Lives of Children & Teens	3
THA 715	Grief after Traumatic Death	3
THA 725	Bereavement Program Development	3
THA 735	Palliative & Hospice Care	3
THA 745	Spiritual Formation & Thanatology	3
THA 710	Understanding Suicide	3
THA 720	Children, Teens & Suicide	3
THA 755	Death & the Literary Imagination	3

The Master of Science in Thanatology degree program has an 18-credit core curriculum with 18 credits of electives. The Graduate Certificate program, which does not qualify for Federal Financial Aid, has a 12 credit core curriculum with 6 credits of electives.

** Courses comprise the core curriculum for the Graduate Certificate.*

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