

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)

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 in Oral and Written Form
- Read and Interpret Critically Contexts of Mission and Ministry
- Provide Capable Pastoral Leadership in Both Ministry Settings and the Public Realm
- Engage Competently and Sensitively a Diverse and Globalized World

The M.Div. curriculum is structured to ensure that each of these program outcomes is introduced effectively upon a scaffold that build them from introduction through reinforcement to mastery. This structure ensures 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 2025, two are actively seeking congregational calls and one is serving as a correctional officer.

Comprehensive assessment of MTS graduates is done through the evaluation of capstone writing project encompassing two summative essays (MTS). Through these essays, MTS graduates 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.

Of the 9 MTS graduates in 2025, one is serving as a theological librarian, and eight are serving in congregational ministry settings.