

Accreditation and Educational Effectiveness

Accreditation

ABSW is accredited by:

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
In the United States and Canada

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The Following degree programs are approved by ATS: MDiv, MCL, DMin

Statement of Educational Effectiveness

The American Baptist Seminary of the West is committed to the highest standards of educational effectiveness in all of its academic programs. Measures of educational effectiveness include the length of time that students take to complete their degrees and placement after graduation in positions appropriate to their vocational objectives.

Masters Programs

Both of ABSW's Masters programs (MDiv and MCL) are advanced academic degrees intended to prepare students for professional careers in pastoral ministries, teaching, writing, and scholarship, as well as for leadership opportunities with religious organizations, social service agencies, foundations, museums, libraries, publishing, and in educational institutions.

The normative time to degree for these programs is 3 to 4 yrs for the MDiv and 2 yrs for the MCL. The table below shows the time to degree for the 10 master's students that graduated in the 2014-2015 academic year. Three (3) of the MDiv students graduated within 3 years, two (2) graduated within 4 years, two (2) graduated within 5 years. Two (2) of the MCL students graduated within 3 years, and one (1) graduated within 4 years. The one (1) MA graduate completed the program in 14 years due to extenuating circumstances.

Time to Degree in Years: MDiv Number of Students	
3 to <4	3 (42%)
4 to <5	2 (29%)
5 to <6	2 (29%)

Time to Degree in Years: MCL Number of Students	
2 to <3	0 (0%)
3 to <4	2 (67%)
4 to <5	1 (33%)

Time to Degree in Years: MA Number of Students	
14 to <15	0 (0%)

The 11 master's students that graduated in academic 2014-2015 are in the following placements as of fall 2015:

Full-time Pastor	0
Owner of 501c3 group homes	2
Creator & Director 501c3 Breast Cancer Survivors	1
Academic Administration—Director of Communications GTU	1
Hospital Chaplaincy	1
Home Hospice Chaplaincy	1
YMCA—family social services	1
Clinical Pastoral Education training	1
HMO Advanced Care Director	1
High School/Jr College teacher	1
Not seeking employment	1

Doctor of Ministry Program

ABSW's Doctor of Ministry program is an advanced academic degree intended to prepare students for professional careers in pastoral ministries, teaching, writing, and scholarship, as well as for leadership opportunities with religious organizations, social service agencies, foundations, museums, libraries, publishing, and in educational institutions.

The normative time to degree for this program is 3 to 4 yrs. The table below shows the time to degree for the 2 doctoral students that graduated in the 2014-2015 academic year. One of the students graduated within 3 years, and the other graduated within 7 years.

Time to Degree in Years: DMin Number of Students	
3 to <4	1 (0%)
7 to <8	2 (66%)

The 2 Doctor of Ministry students that graduated in academic 2014-2015 are in the following placements as of fall 2015:

Pastoral Ministry	1
Camping Ministries	1