

United Church Theological Education

Preparation for ordained ministry in The United Church of Canada

People preparing for ordained or diaconal ministry in a **Native Ministry setting** can study at the [Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre](#) in Beausejour, Manitoba.

Diaconal ministers complete a community-based program at the [Centre for Christian Studies](#) in Winnipeg, which is comprised of four years of study while serving in a ministry setting.

People preparing for **ordained ministry** are required to obtain a Master of Divinity degree from a United Church Theological School (see the *Entering Ministry* resource for exceptions) as well as complete a Supervised Ministry Education (SME) experience. Some theological schools include the SME requirement as a part of the degree, as reflected in the chart below. Consult the *SME Overview* document on the [Handbooks and Guidelines](#) web page to learn the various ways that this requirement can be completed if you choose an M.Div. program where the SME requirement is not included.

For complete information, please visit each institution’s website, which is hyperlinked in the chart below.

Name of United Church Theological School	Location	Master of Divinity Model	SME Requirement
Atlantic School of Theology	Halifax, NS	Offers two programs: a 3-year on-campus degree and a 5-year “in ministry” format called Master of Divinity Summer Distance.	SME is not included in the 3-year degree. The 5-year “in ministry” program fulfills SME requirements.
Emmanuel College	Toronto, ON	3 years on campus (or up to 8 years part-time)	SME is not included in the degree.
St. Andrew’s College	Saskatoon, SK	4-year degree includes on campus study and a “Ministry Residency” placement.	The “Ministry Residency” fulfills SME requirements.
The United Theological College/Le Séminaire Uni	Montreal, QC	3 years on campus	SME is not included in the degree.
Vancouver School of Theology	Vancouver, BC	3 years on campus (or up to 7 years part-time)	SME is not included in the degree.