# Learning about The United Church of Canada Theological Schools

# Emmanuel College

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## Open houses or events people can attend in the coming year

Emmanuel Encounter: November 13, 2019

Vocations Fair: January 15, 2020

Ash Wednesday Worship with Moderator Richard Bott: February 26, 2020

Day with Emmanuel (Open House): March 7, 2020

Wednesday worship (on most Wednesdays): see [www.worshipwithemmanuel.ca](http://www.worshipwithemmanuel.ca/)

## What programs do you offer?

Lay Certificate in Theology

Basic Degree Programs:

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Master of Sacred Music (MSMus)

Master of Pastoral Studies (MPS)

Master of Theological Studies (MTS)

Graduate Programs:

Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MA)

Doctor of Ministry (DMin)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

## Can people study by distance?

Emmanuel College is currently exploring distance learning options. Stay tuned! In the meantime, we offer a residential program with a vibrant community life, with many students arranging their course schedules for one or two days a week.

## What financial support does your school offer students?

The John W. Billes Grant provides 100 percent tuition support to all full-time students registered in the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program who are formally recognized as Inquirers or Candidates in The United Church of Canada ordination process. Entering Theological Education grants, scholarships, and bursaries are also available.

## Can people take Centre for Christian Studies or Designated Lay Ministry externals with you?

Yes, upon approval by the student’s program director.

## What is your approach to equipping people preparing for ministry leadership?

Emmanuel College takes a holistic approach to forming ministry leaders: heart, mind, and body. Members of the Emmanuel community gain substantial knowledge of the academic disciplines relevant for diverse ministries; explore their vocation and sense of call; and gain facility with the skills, gifts, and practices of ministry appropriate for leadership in communities of faith. The Emmanuel College faculty and curricula place special emphasis on the intercultural and contextual issues bearing upon ministry and leadership in diverse communities. Emmanuel College also offers unique opportunities for interreligious learning and experiences, in which “students become more deeply rooted in their own religious or spiritual traditions while engaging the beliefs and practices of people of other traditions.” See [Emmanuel’s Vision, Mission, and Values](http://www.emmanuel.utoronto.ca/about/vision.htm).

## Do you have an affiliation with an undergraduate school?

As one of the sister colleges of Victoria University in the University of Toronto, Emmanuel College shares a campus and student services with Victoria College. Emmanuel also houses classes and activities from the larger U of T.

## What makes your school unique?

Established in 1928, following the union that formed the denomination, Emmanuel College is the largest theological school of The United Church of Canada. Our outstanding faculty support the formation of candidates for congregational, music, and teaching ministries. Students who study at Emmanuel have access to the faculty and courses in the Toronto School of Theology, an ecumenical consortium that offers Masters-level and doctoral-level degrees through the University of Toronto. Our unique urban, ecumenical, and multifaith context prepares students to lead amid the challenges and opportunities of our changing and dynamic world.

## Anything else people should know?

Emmanuel College is on the leading edge of multireligious theological education. Students from a range of religious traditions can draw upon the wider resources of the University for their course of study. Our Master of Pastoral Studies program offers foci in Christian, Muslim, and Buddhist spiritual care, and each of these communities engages in worship and spiritual practices on campus. In our experience, United Church students become more deeply rooted in the denomination’s religious and spiritual traditions while engaging the beliefs and practices of people of other traditions.