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## **Frequently Asked Questions about the MA in Missional Leadership (MAML) degree at Northwest University:**

### **Q: What is a cohort?**

*A: A cohort is a group of students who together follow the same trajectory of courses and sequence throughout a program. The advantage of this system is the formation of a learning community and network support system that we hope will last long after students have completed their MAML degree*

### **Q: Can I work and attend school at the same time?**

*A: Yes, it's possible but you will need to budget your time wisely. The 36 credit hour MA in Missional Leadership has been designed to work into the busy schedules of ministry professionals.*

### **Q: How are the courses in the MA in Missional Leadership (MAML) delivered?**

*A: For the cohort beginning in Fall 2010, the courses are in one week modules that run from Wednesday-Saturday from 8 AM—5 PM. Please check the master schedule to see when classes meet.*

### **Q: Is there pre-session and post-session work?**

*A: Because of the intensive delivery format, students will usually do about half of their course readings and some of their papers before the class meet. Students will have a certain amount of additional reading and assignments to be completed after that one week.*

### **Q: How much out of time out of class will my course work take?**

*A: This will vary by course, but a general rule of thumb would be to expect to spend at least three hours for every hour spent in class to complete assignments.*

### **Q: Who are the professors for the MAML program?**

*A: In the MAML program at NU you will have professors drawn from our resident faculty as well as adjunct professors that we use from other institutions, successful pastors and church planters, denominational leaders, and other individuals with expertise in counseling, clergy law, etc. The one commonality that all of our professors have besides excellent academic qualifications to teach at the graduate level is that they all have practical experience that connects them to ministry practice as well.*

### **Q: Do I have to have a Bible or Ministry undergraduate degree to enroll in the MAML program?**

*A: No, you are not required to have your undergraduate degree in Bible or Ministry although that would be our preference. Nevertheless, we will accept people who have an accredited undergraduate degree in any area providing they hold a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.*

**Q: Is there financial aid available?**

*A: Yes, the MAML program is eligible for federal financial aid (loans) as long as students remain within the federal guidelines regarding course loads, etc. NOTE: Only American students are eligible for institutional and federal financial aid programs at Northwest University. International students are not eligible and must secure all of their own funding before enrolling in the program. Please contact our Financial Aid Office for further information.*

**Q: How long will it take me to complete the program?**

*A: The MAML is designed to be completed in 30 months with a delivery schedule that takes into account busy work schedules. In order to remain "on track" all students will need to follow the prescribed sequence of cohorts exactly.*

**Q: If I complete my MAML degree at an extension site will I still receive the same degree that I would if I attended the NU Main campus? [Note: This applies only to those meeting at off-campus sites.]**

*A: Yes, you will receive the same degree. You will also receive an equivalent academic experience in that the professors teaching at our extension sites are the same professors who teach on the main campus.*

**Q: Will I be able to have access to the services at NU even though I'm out here at an extension site? [Note: This applies only to those meeting at off-campus sites.]**

*A: You will be able to access information databases (such as our library) as well as connect to our Northwest website that will provide many services. Concerning libraries, you will be able to arrange to check out books through interlibrary loan, a feature available with public libraries. Questions about how to use Interlibrary Loan can be addressed to Leslie Engelson, Library Liaison to the College of Ministry, Northwest University. Her phone number is 425-889-5339 and email is [leslie.engelson@northwestu.edu](mailto:leslie.engelson@northwestu.edu)*

*You will also have a site coordinator who will serve as the liaison between the site and Northwest University. Many services are also only a phone call or an email away. All in all, we will do our very best to provide high quality services even though you are at an extension site. In other words, you will still receive a very high quality education!*

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