

Mentoring at Metro Atlanta Seminary

Welcome to mentoring at Metro Atlanta Seminary. We are excited you will be paired with a mentor throughout your seminary experience.

The mission of Metro Atlanta Seminary is to educate, equip, and mentor students to know Christ, become gospel-centered servant-leaders, and fulfill the Great Commandment (To Love the Lord our God) as well as the Great Commission (To Go and Make Disciples) by the power of the Spirit.

The primary ways we do this is through classroom instruction, practicum experience, and a mentoring relationship.

The mentoring relationship reflects our interest in who you are, not just in what you are learning. We are interested in who you are becoming as a follower of Christ. 1 Corinthians 13 says we can have all knowledge but if we have not love, we are nothing. (1 Cor. 13:2) Therefore, we want our students to reflect the character of Christ. Though we cannot control the outcome of that (it is God's work), we look for ways to facilitate that, including mentoring. How does that happen? The mentor provides a relational connection. They meet with you, pray for you, encourage you, and if requested by you, hold you accountable.

Meetings

Meetings typically will be sixty to ninety minutes long. If possible, seek to conduct those meetings in person. If not, we recommend a video call.

When meeting with your mentor, there will be specific areas you will touch upon. Most of these will be initiated by you. The areas include:

- **Course Assignments** - It may be that in a specific course, one of the assignments will be for you to interact with your mentor about subject material.
- **Book** - Each student at MAS reads (along with their mentor) one book designated by the seminary.
- **Practicum** - Some of the programs will require practicum hours, and on occasion, you will interact with your mentor regarding what you are doing for your practicum.
- **Personal Issues** - In meeting with your mentor, personal issues may sometimes arise and you certainly can discuss.

Each time you meet, it is not essential to discuss each area. However, we should touch upon the first three areas, at least once. Personal issues can always be discussed. If you do talk about personal matters, make sure you allow some time to cover the other areas.

Relationship With Your Mentor

The mentor is someone who comes alongside you to listen, to share experience, to offer some feedback. The mentor is typically not a knowledge expert in every course you take. Their role is to offer a perspective that can assist you as you seek to grow in your knowledge and love of God.

Regarding counseling, the mentor's role is not to provide professional counseling or therapy. If specific counseling is needed, the mentor may suggest a referral here, or you may contact the Dean of Students for a referral.

Confidentiality

It is important confidentiality be a part of the mentoring relationship. When personal matters are shared, that is private between you and the mentor. The exception would be student being a threat to harm themselves or another person. Hoping, of course, this would never be an issue at Metro Atlanta Seminary.

First Meeting

If you and your mentor have not met, we suggest a "get to know you" time. For some, it could be over a meal. For others, who live in different areas, it may be a Zoom meeting.

Preparing for Meetings

Each term, mentoring assignments will be e-mailed to you twice. The first one will be when the term begins and the second will come after the term's fourth week. Make sure you go through the assignment before meeting with your mentor.

Meeting Link

At the conclusion of each term, you will need to complete the Mentor Meeting Link. It will be e-mailed to you and you must complete this form, in order to receive a grade for mentoring.