

Graduate Certificate in Christian Social Enterprise

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Christian leaders today find themselves at the crossroads of the world's most pressing social, environmental and spiritual needs and the deep reservoirs of faith that compel them to respond to those needs with creativity and compassion.

Based out of CenterForm in downtown Atlanta, and in partnership with McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University, the Graduate Certificate in Christian Social Enterprise is an intensive immersion program to provide aspiring social entrepreneurs with the skills and experience they need to create innovative and sustainable social impact in their churches, their neighborhoods and the world. During this four week program, participants will experience the process of developing an innovative social enterprise from conception through implementation through early seed funding.

Three Graduate-Level Courses Taught Concurrently

The Graduate Certificate of Christian Social Enterprise is a fully accredited program that consists of three seminary-level courses for a total of nine-credit-hours:

- The Theology of Christian Social Innovation
- Theory of Social Change and Impact
- The Business of Social Enterprise



Real World Immersion and Real World Competencies

The Graduate Certificate of Christian Social Enterprise is not your typical classroom experience. The city will be our classroom and the communities we encounter will be our teachers. During the four weeks, students will be immersed in real world contexts, interacting with real communities, wrestling with real opportunities for social innovation and coming up with real innovative solutions. They will also be learning from real social entrepreneurs, business consultants, attorneys and investors.

A Social Enterprise and Vocational Accelerator

The Graduate Certificate of Christian Social Enterprise is run like a startup accelerator. Participants will work within teams with a mentor to build viable social enterprises around their innovative concepts. Each participant will also be entering into a process of vocational discernment to help them listen to God's call in the midst of a world with great needs and opportunities.

The cost of the program is \$4,290 if you choose to take it for credit through McAfee School of Theology. You can also take the program through CenterForm without credit for \$1,800. Scholarships may be available. Contact John Heinz (john@centerform.org) or Melissa Browning (browning_md@mercer.edu) for an application and more information.

