



2023 Annual Academic Quality Report  
March 19, 2024

Metro Baltimore Seminary completed its fifth year of operation as a seminary in 2023. The seminary achieved several important milestones as an organization in 2023 and continued to see students equipped and deployed for effective Christ-centered ministry in Baltimore and beyond.

***Academic Quality Assessment Reporting and Implementation Process***

The academic quality report is produced annually each spring by the President in consultation with the Academic Committee. The Academic Committee is a board-appointed committee led by the Academic Dean, tasked with overseeing the academic affairs of the seminary. The MBS Board reviews the academic quality report at its April meeting, makes recommendations to the President and Academic Committee, and incorporates needed adjustments in its June budget and strategic planning process to facilitate ongoing improvement in academic quality. Student course and faculty evaluations, mentor evaluations, graduate exit interviews, and matriculation, retention, and graduation data are reviewed annually by the Academic Committee, which provides feedback to faculty through the Academic Dean. The Academic Committee makes recommendations for improvement in its annual report to the President. Alumni and students are surveyed annually to provide feedback on how the academic program at MBS has prepared them for ministry and contributed to their fruitfulness and flourishing in ministry

***Highlights***

- Graduated 6 students (3 MDiv, 3BTh) [May 2023]
- MBS students joined students and faculty from Metro Atlanta Seminary on a trip to Israel [May 2023]
- Formed Metro Baltimore Seminary, LLC, a separate company from Chapelgate Presbyterian Church (prior to this MBS operated as a ministry of Chapelgate)
- Accredited by Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries [October 2023]

***Enrollment, Graduation, and Employment Statistics***

Class of 2021: 27 enrolled; 17 graduated in 2021, 2 graduated in 2023; 5-year graduation rate 70%

Class of 2022: 19 enrolled; 8 graduated; 4-year graduation rate 42%

Class of 2023: 12 enrolled; 4 graduated; 3-year graduation rate 33%

Cumulative 5-year graduation rate (31 graduates / 58 enrolled): 53%

A further 3 students are still enrolled but taking more than 3 years to graduate = 5%

Enrollment at the start of the 2023-24 academic year: 41 students across all programs

A total of 6 students graduated in 2023 – 4 from class of 2023 and 2 from class of 2021. Employment and ministry outcomes for the 6 students who graduated six months after graduation:

- 2 new graduates in paid ministry positions
- 3 new graduates formally recognized or in process to become: pastor, elder, deacon, or shepherdess
- 67% of 2023 graduates (4 of 6) are serving as pastor, elder, deacon, or shepherdess six months after graduation

### ***Withdrawal Data***

14 students un-enrolled during the 2022-2023 academic year due to unanticipated life or ministry events, new employment demands, and other personal reasons.

5 students did not re-enroll for 2023-2024 academic year.

### ***What students say about how MBS impacted their hearts***

“I feel like MBS built a solid gospel core in me, it gave me the right focus and motivation and strong foundation for any future ministry, whether formal or informal.” – *Graduate M. (MDiv)*

“All the studying in seminary was to grow in Christ and advance His kingdom, not my own. The most helpful part was having someone to process with on a deeper level.” – *Graduate S. (BTh)*

### ***What students say about how MBS has prepared them for ministry***

“I learned so much about the scriptures and about myself through the Teaching and Learning Seminar, Focused Living Retreat, and the Biblical Counseling course that any ministry that I participate in will benefit.” – *Graduate S. (MDiv)*

“I came to MBS to gain a higher level of understanding of the scriptures to teach others properly. My objectives were accomplished.” – *Graduate B. (MDiv)*

### **Maryland Higher Education Commission Exemption**

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