MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL COUNSELING

FORMATION COMPONENTS

NON-ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

ORIENTATIONS: Attendance is required at 3 orientations: academic, formation, and practicum. Provide introduction to the goals and mission of STM and the particular way those are lived in the learning/formation community. Introduce students to each other, to Seattle University, and to some of the faculty and staff who will journey with them.

ANNUAL ADVISOR MEETINGS: Provide a time for planning classes, reflecting on life situations in relation to course and formation expectations, and ongoing discerning of one's call to serve in ministry. Students initiate these sessions.

REFLECTION DAYS/EVENINGS (2 DAYS OR 3 EVENINGS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF STUDY): Provide extended time and space for students to balance academic rigor with space and time for prayer, faith sharing and community building. Each event is planned by students who develop leadership, organizing, public prayer, and hospitality competencies. The schedule of the days varies according to reflection group. Students are required to participate with their designated reflection group.

PERSONAL THERAPY: Weekly personal therapy concurrent with the program at a minimum of two years is required.

NON-ACADEMIC – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

CORPORATE PRAYER & WORSHIP: Most classes offer times for community prayer. Every weekend session incorporates time for community prayer. On-campus liturgies and prayer experiences provide opportunities for all STM students to deepen their course experience through community prayer.

RETREATS: Provide an extended period apart for depth awareness and relationship with the sacred as well as growth in clarity of one's call to ministry. Students are encouraged to have a retreat director, or take part in a planned retreat experience.

DENOMINATIONAL GATHERINGS: Some of the denominations initiate opportunities for students to gather with their leadership on a regular basis. These meetings provide time for networking on resources and events within the denomination. They can also be a time for communicating on such subjects as ordination, placement, and particular denominational requirements.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS: STM offers a wide range of community gatherings, from the Great Theologian Lectures, the STM picnic in May, to other festive events as they arise. These events further enhance who we are as a theological school and provide opportunities for us to come together as a community.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

FIELD EDUCATION AND THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION: Includes field placements in internships and/or CPE or practicum for the field education; *Pastoral Counseling practicum sequence* to integrate practical experience with theological reflection.

MAPC (MATS REFLECTION GROUP)

Non-Academic Formation Checklist

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

PRIMARY FORMATION COMMUNITY: _____

PLEASE FILL IN DATES COMPLETED.

1.) PROGRAM ORIENTATIONS. ACADEMIC DATE:_____FORMATION DATE:_____PRACTICUM DATE:_____

2.) ADVISING (ONCE ANNUALLY).

Year 1:_____ Year 2:_____ Year 3:_____ Year 4:_____

3.) STM SPONSORED REFLECTION DAYS (2 DAYS OR 3 EVENINGS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF STUDY).

Date:_____ Date:_____ Date:_____

4.) PERSONAL THERAPY.

INDICATE NAME OF THERAPIST OR COUNSELOR: _____

Year 1:_____ Year 2:_____ Year 3:_____ Year 4:_____