

Masters of Arts in TRANSFORMATIONAL URBAN LEADERSHIP

Hosted at Carlile College





With one of the highest percentage rates of urban population growth in the world, East Africa is a region undergoing huge cultural, social and demographic change. It is a process of change which is likely to continue to accelerate in the foreseeable future. Kenya's vision 2030 anticipates that the country's urban population will grow from 25% in 2007 to almost 70% in 2032. Rapid urban growth also brings challenges manifested in the expansion of slums and informal settlements which, in the case of Nairobi, house over half the city. This aspect of urban growth and the consequent rise in urban poverty presents many challenges to the church and wider society.

How do we meet these challenges and develop the capacity of local communities, through the churches, NGOs, and social entrepreneurs, to bring transformational change in the city?

The Master of Arts in Urban Transformational Leadership (MATUL) seeks to enter into the realities of urban slums and equip leaders with skills and knowledge necessary to make a transforming impact on urban communities. The programme links practical experience with critical analysis drawn from a variety of disciplines.

Who can take the course?

- · Church leaders in high density low income areas of the city.
- · NGO workers involved in urban development.
- · Social Entrepreneurs working in informal settlements.
- · Urban church planters.
- \cdot Other professionals in government or private employment with involvement in low income urban areas.

Programme Content

The MATUL programme consists of 12 taught modules and a dissertation which together constitute 60 credit hours. It is taught over two year period and can be undertaken in a modular evening and or full time semester system.

Modules cover a broad range of subjects including areas of Urban Analysis and Development, Urban Theology and Spirituality and more skills based courses focused on areas of health, church planting, education, advocacy and leadership.

The first phase is centred on integrating Theology and Urban Development. The second phase involves applying an integrated approach to community based ministries, programmes and leadership. The third phase involves integrating faith and structural change. Within each phase there is a requirement of significant community based involvement in a slum or informal settlement. The final phase is a dissertation.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a first degree in Theology or in Social Sciences.

Start date

The course opens on January 30, 2011 and will be taught at Carlile College ,Centre for Urban Mission.

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