

## **Certificate in Ministry**

### Overview

The Certificate in Ministry is a great opportunity for Christians currently serving in ministry or who feel called by God to serve Him in ministry outside of the role of pastor. Individuals called to serve as ministers of music, church administrators, church school staff, support and maintenance, or church extension ministry settings like church and school cafeterias, food pantries, or immigrant assistance programs, will benefit from this course of study. Credits earned may be applied toward an associate degree or a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, or an Associates or Bachelor of Arts in Theology.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Students who earn the Certificate in Ministry will:

- Be equipped with an introductory knowledge of biblical principles, concepts, and tools for effective study and teaching subject matter using appropriate Christian applications.
- Recognize, understand, and apply the Biblical perspective in a manner that meets needs of fellow believers in any evangelical extension ministry setting.

### Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this certificate, the student will:

- Be able to articulate a philosophy of Ministry and formulate a personal philosophy for their own approach to ministry in the Church or extension ministry setting.
- Demonstrate an understanding of biblical knowledge and interpretation, the development of the Church throughout history, the expectations of church ministries, involving applied skills and methods, and the importance of having well-balanced personal spiritual disciplines.
- Possess a working knowledge of the dynamics of interpersonal communication.

### Program Structure

This Certificate in Ministry is 15 credit hours. Students must complete the specified Ministry courses to earn the Certificate in Ministry. Courses in the Certificate in Ministry may be completed in any order. Course substitutions for certificate programs must be approved by the student's academic advisor and the registrar.

**Certificate of Ministry course requirements:**

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<b>Course ID</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BIB1203	General Biblical Studies (An Overview of the Bible and its Interpretation)	3
TH2113	Personal Evangelism	3
TH3233	The Spiritual Ministry of the Church	3
<b>...and any Two (2) of the following Elective Courses</b>		
HST3303	Church History	3
TH1123	Intro. to Basic Theology & Doctrine	3
TH1223	Intro. To Christian Worldview	3
MUS2423	Music for Praise and Worship	3
BUS1103	Christian Entrepreneurship	3
MED1403	Beginning Electronic Media (Radio)	3
MIN3903	Ministry Intern Practicum	3

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**Total Credits: 15**

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## Course Descriptions

- BIB1203      General Biblical Studies (An Overview of the Bible and its Interpretation)
- A general overview of the Bible, along with developing of effective hermeneutical skills for its interpretation.
- TH2113      A call to personal evangelism which makes every believer an evangelist.
- TH3233      The Spiritual Ministry of the Church
- An examination of the overall ministry and spiritual goals of an effective church. An investigation into the spiritual gifts and ministrations which have been placed by the Lord into His Church. A study of revival, deliverance ministry, corporate prayer, evangelism, outreach & spiritual rehabilitation ministry, and Church Growth.
- HST3303      Church History
- History of the Church from the apostles to the Reformation, with applications for the current day.
- TH1123      Intro. to Basic Theology & Doctrine
- An introduction to basic theology and doctrine, covering the topics of the Triune God, Man, Sin and the Fall, Redemption, Salvation and New Believers, the Church, Ministry gifts, the Bible, Church life, Faith, Prayer, and others.
- MUS2423      Music for Praise and Worship
- A study in music (chosen instrument) for the purpose of praise and worship of God in the Church setting.
- BUS1103      Christian Entrepreneurship
- An introduction to basic Christian principles in business development.
- MED1403      Beginning Electronic Media (Radio)
- This introductory course familiarizes students with the basics of electronic media, which they will build upon through other radio broadcasting classes. Students practice using microphones and video systems. They create short clips that they present in class. This radio broadcasting course is a practical, hands-on course which gives students the opportunity to get a feel for electronic media and decide if they want to pursue a career in the field.

TH1223 Intro. To Christian Worldview Studies

Introductory studies into the philosophical underpinnings of a Christian worldview.

MIN3903 Ministry Intern Practicum

A self-directed, independent study under the guidance of an appropriately credentialed field supervisor who will oversee the student's development in a chosen area of ministry. Student will follow a strictly laid out professional plan of ministry involvement, spread over the length of a semester, or term, fulfilling the equivalent of weekly class hours, and combining academic reading and writing with practical activity, and other activities as assigned by the professor in conjunction with the field supervisor.