

Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

Overview

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is a great opportunity for future and practicing Christian ministers who feel called by God to the pastorate. Credits earned may be applied toward an Associates or Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, or to an Associates or Bachelor of Arts in Theology.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who earn the Certificate in Pastoral 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 the church setting.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this certificate, the student will:

- Be able to articulate a philosophy of Pastoral Ministry and formulate a personal philosophy for their own approach to ministry in the Church setting.
- Demonstrate an understanding of biblical knowledge and interpretation, the development of the Church throughout history, the expectations of pastoral and 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 Pastoral Ministry is 15 credit hours. Students must complete the specified Pastoral Ministry courses to earn the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. Courses in the Certificate in Pastoral 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 Pastoral Ministry course requirements:

Course ID	Course Name	Credits
BIB1203	General Biblical Studies (An Overview of the Bible and its Interpretation)	3
PSY3323	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
TH1123	Intro to Basic Theology & Doctrine	3
MIN3223	The Work of the Pastor	3
MIN3703	Pastoral Intern Practicum	3

Total Credits: 15

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.
PSY3323	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling The ministry of listening and guiding from a Christian and spiritual perspective, marriage & family counseling techniques, grief counseling, and individual therapies.
MIN3223	The Work of the Pastor The role of the pastor, including understanding of calling and its fulfillment, individual prayer and spiritual disciplines, personal holiness, effective preaching, Church administration, ministerial ethics, and financial management.
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.

MIN3703 Pastoral 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 pastoral ministry. Student will follow a strictly laid out professional plan of pastoral 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 assigned by the professor in conjunction with the field supervisor.