2026-2030 STUDENT HANDBOOK



Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding…"

PROVERBS 4:7

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MISSION OF THE SEMINARY

In the wisdom and grace of God and in partnership with the Church, Canaan Theological Seminary and College (CTSC) mission is to prepare all individuals with a called into the field of ministry by offering a viable and challenging program of Biblical Study and instruction to serve.

AFFILIATIONS

CTSC is recognized by the Council of Higher Education of the Commonwealth of Virginia by Resolution from the provisions of Chapter 21 of the code of Virginia, to the extent specified in the subsection A. of Section 23-266 which gives permission to confer degrees in Religion: Bachelor, Master and Doctorate Degrees. This was approved on January 6, 2007.

CTSC is accredited by Accrediting Commission International (ACI). Accrediting Commission International is an international accrediting commission which holds as its primary objective the encouragement and maintenance of sound scholarship and the highest academic achievement in the areas of private education. Quality education is the goal at all times. Its purpose is the preparation of quality education in private schools, colleges, and theological seminaries.

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Discrimination Disclaimer

CTSC admits students (regardless to race, color, sex, orientation, national or ethnic origin or physical disability) to all the rights, privileges, and programs generally accorded or made available to any individual. CTSC does not discriminate on any of the above in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship/ loan program, or any other program administered by CTSC. However, CTSC requires all students to be a Christian and affiliated with a church that believes and teaches that the Holy Bible is the Word of God.

Privacy Policy

It is CTSC policy to collect personal information about students only to the extent necessary to provide required services and/or benefits. Additionally, students shall understand the reasons information is collected and be able to examine their personal records which are maintained by the Office of the Registrar.

Indemnity Disclaimer:

Students enrolling at CTSC should understand that awarded degrees do not permit the student to qualify for State endorsement in education or to teach at a public or private school. As a Law Degree does not permit an individual to teach Early Childhood classes, nor does a trained medical doctor teach barbering unless trained as a barber.

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CTSC offers to individuals, already in ministry (or call to ministry) the following degrees:

- Audit Program
- Certificate Program (course completion)
- Associate of Biblical Studies
- Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree (three-year program)
- Master of Theology (one-year program) - accelerated
- Doctor of Theology degree (one-year program) - accelerated

Hours of Operation

Office Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays (10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Admissions and Records: Dr. Karol Hopson, (757) 871 - 6580.

School Hours: Classes meet according to the following schedule

Monday's	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday's	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Thursday's	6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Note: Summer schedule is an accelerated schedule. The class hours are 3 hours on Mondays and Tuesdays, and 4 hours on Saturday.

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Doctrinal Statement

1. The Bible: The unique divine inspiration of all the canonical books (Old Testament and New Testament) as originally given, so that they are infallibly and uniquely authoritative and free from error of any sort; in all matters with which they deal, scientific and historical as well as moral and theological.

2. Special Creations: Special creation of the existing space-time universe and all its basic systems and kinds of organisms in the six lateral days of the creation week.

3. Historicity: The full historicity and perspicuity of the Biblical record of Primeval history, including the literal existence of Adam and Eve as the progenitors of all people, the literal fall and resultant divine curse on the creation, the worldwide cataclysmic deluge, and the origin of nations and languages at the Tower of Babel.

4. The Trinity: The Triune Godhead, one eternal, transcendent, omnipotent, personal god existing as one God with distinctive purposes as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

5. The Father: God the Father, the head of the Divine Trinity, is infinitely Spirit-sovereign, eternal, and unchangeable in all His attributes. He is worthy of honor, adoration, and obedience.

6. The Son: The perfect, sinless humanity and the absolute, full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is indissolubly united in one divine human person since His unique incarnation by miraculous conception and virgin birth.

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7. The Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead who convicts, regenerates, indwells, and seals all Believers in Christ. The Holy Spirit fills those who yield themselves unto Him. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all Believers; however, the manifestation of any particular gift is not required as evidence of salvation.

8. Redemption: The substitutionary and redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sin of the world through His literal physical death, burial and resurrection, followed by His bodily ascension into heaven.

9. Salvation: Personal salvation from the eternal penalty of sin provided solely by the grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (received only through personal faith in His person and work).

10. Satan: The existence of a personal, malignant being called satan who acts as tempter and accuser for whom the place of eternal punishment was prepared, where all who die outside of Christ shall be confined in conscious torment for eternity.

11. Last Things: The future, personal, bodily return of Jesus Christ to the earth to judge and purge sin and to establish His eternal Kingdom. God will consummate and fulfill His purposes in the works of creation and redemption with eternal rewards and punishments.

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General Information

CTSC Colors: CTSC colors are blue and gold.

Admission Requirements:

CTSC admits any person 18 years of age or older, has a high school diploma or equivalent. CTSC will accept individuals who desire to increase their knowledge of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Each prospective student is assessed according to his/her academic background and experience.
CTSC may assess the prospective student's life and ministry background and experience for recognition and/or awarding of credits.

Drug Free Policy:

CTSC Drug-Free Work Place policy concerning the use, distribution, possession, transport or sale of illicit, over-the counter, and prescription drugs and alcohol, incorporates regulations promulgated by the Federal Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988, and the Department of Education's Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Public Law 101-226. Both laws are inclusive for administrators, faculty, students and all other employees working on CTSC properties, on or off campus. This policy has been distributed, posted and is communicated annually through educational reminders.

Code of Conduct:

Joining the CTSC Family is an honor and requires each individual to uphold the policies, regulations, and guidelines established for students,administrators, and staff, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. CTSC requires all individuals to adhere to and conform to the instructions and direction of the headship of his/her respective area. Therefore, CTSC expects the following from students, administrators, and staff:

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1. Respect himself or herself.

2. Respect the dignity, position, merit, and values of others.

3. Respect the rights and property of others.

4. Prohibit discrimination, while striving to learn from differences in people, ideas, and opinions.

5. Practice personal, professional, and academic integrity, and discourage all forms of dishonesty, plagiarism, deceit, and disloyalty to the Code of Conduct.
(Personal, professional and academic integrity is paramount to the survival and potential of the CTSC. Therefore, individuals found in violation of CTSC's policies against lying, cheating, plagiarism, or stealing are subject to disciplinary action, which could possibly include dismissal from CTSC.)

6. Promote a professional personal work ethic within the CTSC family unit.

7. Foster an open, fair, and caring environment.

8. Uphold CTSC's Conduct Code and report all violations.

CTSC abides by the State of Virginia Code § 22.1-288 regarding the release of information to public and private schools, colleges and universities, and

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the military; sharing information with law enforcement agencies (Sec. 22.1-288.1); and transfer, management, and disclosure of information in court notices (Sec. 22.1-289).

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The Administration

Dr. Karol H. Hopson – President - BA Ed, MTh, D Min. D Th

Dr. Daniel Carrera – Chief Financial Officer (CFO) - BS Biology, BA Biblical Studies MA Organizational Leadership, MBA Project Management, D. Theology

Ms. Kayla Cunningham – Administrative Assistant and Media Specialist

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Dr. Karol Hopson – Rivier College, Christian Life School of Theology, CTSC

Dr. Daniel Carrera - BS Biology, BA Biblical Studies MA Organizational Leadership, MBA Project Management, D. Theology

Dr. Vikie Crowder – Canaan Theological Seminary and College, D. Min.

Dr. Brandy Broward-White – BA Biblical Studies, Master of Theology, Doctor of Theology

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Financial Information

Fees:	
1. Application Fee	$45.00
2. Re-Admission Fee	$100.00
3. Audit Fee	$25.00 per class (no credit received)
4. Graduation Fee	$350.00
5. Diploma Fee.	$50.00
6. New Student Registration Fee	$45.00
Course Costs:	
Audit	$25 and no submission of academic documents
Certificate	$25.00 requires 3 consecutive classes
Associate	$82.50 per course
Bachelor	$165.00 per course or $660.00 per quarter
Masters	$200.00 per course or $800.00 per quarter
Doctor of Theology.	$4,000.00
Doctor of Humane Letters.	Honorary $1,500 - $3,000
Doctor of Theology Program	Candidate must have a Master of Divinity or Master of Theology. CTSC will allow candidate pay monthly payments for the 1-year program.
Tuition Fees:	
Tuition fees are payable on the due date of each month. The tuition rate is as negotiated by CTSC and is payable by check, money order, cash or credit card.	
All course fees are subject to change without notice. These fees do not include textbooks or applications.	
Additional Information:	
CTSC does not accept military benefits at this time.	
Withdrawal Fees:	
All registered students who withdraw from CTSC prior to the beginning of designated courses will forfeit the registration fee. CTSC will adjust tuition fees once class commences. The adjustment is as follows:	
First (1st) week of classes	80% cancellation
Second (2nd) week of classes	60% cancellation
Third (3rd) week of classes	40% cancellation
Fourth (4th) week of classes	20% cancellation
Firth (5th) weeks of classes and thereafter	0% of cancellation ***(there are no cancellations)***

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Refund Procedures:
Before CTSC will refund any student, the student's account must have a credit balance (which includes applied charges). Students will implement the following procedures : 1. Obtain a Requisition Refund Form from the Business Office. 2. Complete and submit the Requisition Refund Form to the Business Office 3. The Business Office will notify students of the requisition approval and students may pick up the check or request the mailing of the check
Debts and Returned Checks:
CTSC will only issue degrees, diplomas, certificates and/or transcripts of credit(s) to students whose account has met all financial obligations. Re-entry to the CTSC, at the beginning of any quarter, requires all students to successfully complete all prior financial obligations and indebtedness. CTSC will assess applicable charges up to $50 in accordance with the State of Virginia statue (Code of Virginia 15.2.106) for all returned checks. Students must pay these charges by cash, cashier check or a money order.

All course fees/materials are subject to change without notice. These fees do not include required text books or applications.

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School Year 2026 - 2030 Quarterly Schedule

Summer School - 26 (accelerated 3 hour classes) June 8 – July 27 – register Apr. 26 - May 20

Fall quarter - registration July 27- Aug. 21, 2026
Classes Sept. 8 – Dec. 1
Thanksgiving Nov. 22-27

Winter quarter – registration Oct. 26 – Nov. 27
Classes – Dec. 7- March 9, 2027
Christmas – Dec. 21- Jan. 3, 2027

Spring quarter – registration Feb. 14- March 6, 2027
Classes – March 15 - May 24
Graduation – June 5, 2027
Summer School - 27 (accelerated 3 hour classes) June 14-July 19, 2027 register Apr. 19 - May 17

Fall quarter 2027 – registration July 13- Aug. 27
Classes – Sept. 7 – Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 22-26

Winter quarter 2027-2028 – registration Oct. 18 - Nov. 18
Classes – Nov. 29 - March2
Christmas Break – Dec. 20 – Jan. 3, 2028

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Spring quarter 2028 – registration – Feb. 1-29
Classes – March 6- May 22
Graduation – June 3, 2028
Summer School - 28 (accelerated 3 hour classes) June 12 – July 17, 2028
register Apr. 24 – May 22

Fall 2028 – registration July 17 – Aug. 22
Classes – Sept. 5 – Nov. 18
Thanksgiving Nov. 20-24

Winter quarter 2028 – 2029 – registration Oct. 17- Nov. 17
Classes - Nov. 27 – Mar. 2
Christmas – Dec. 20 – Jan. 1, 2029

Spring 2029 – registration Feb. 1- 28
Classes March 5 – May 22
Graduation June 2, 2029
Summer School - 29 (accelerated 3 hour classes) June 11 – July 16 register
Apr. 16- May 14

Fall 2029 – register July 23-Aug. 2
Classes Sept. 4 – Nov. 12
Thanksgiving – Nov. 19-23

Winter 2029-2030 – register Oct. 15 – Nov. 16
Classes – Nov. 26 - Mar. 8

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Spring 2030 – register Feb. 3-28
Classes March 11- May 19
Graduation – June 1, 2030
Summer School - 30 (accelerated 3 hour classes) June 10-July 16 register May 6 - June 3

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Curriculum for Associates of Bibical Sudies

Course	Credits
Associate of Bibical Studies	3
Total Credits	**36**

Curriculum for Baccalaureate in Biblical Studies

Year One

Course	Credits
English Composition 1 and 2	6
Women of the Bible	3
Christology in the NT	3
The Book of Psalms	3
The Parables of Jesus	3
Evangelism	3
Gifts of the Spirit	3
Gospel of John	3
Pauline Epistles	3
Major Prophets	3
Introduction to the New Testament	3
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Year Two

Course	Credits
Denominations	3
Introduction to Old Testament	3
Eschatology	3
History of Israel	3
Worship and Praise	3

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Book of Acts	3
Minor Prophets	3
Systematic Theology 1 and 2	6
Counseling for Hurting People	3
The Pentateuch	3
The Doctrine of Prayer	3
Total Credits	**36**

Year Three

Course	Credits
Hermeneutics 1 and 2	6
Homiletics 1 and 2	6
Church Growth Dynamics	3
Angelology	3
Church Administration 1 and 2	6
Leadership	3
Book of Joshua	3
Christian Ethics	3
Book of Romans	3
Total Credits	**36**
Requirements for graduation	**108**

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Curriculum for Accelerated Master of Theology

Course	Credit
Biblical Financial Survey	6
Christianity, Cults & Religions	6
World Religions	6
Exegete the OT in the Book of Revelation	6
Dispensational Theology	6
Apologetics	6
Thesis	6
Requirements for graduation	**42**

Curriculum for Accelerated Doctor of Theology

Course	Credit
OT Exegesis in the NT	6
Christian Counseling	6
Christian Leadership	6
Christian Education in the Black Church	6
Dissertation	12
Requirements for graduation	**36**

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