Alternative Lab Requirement Log Sheet
for Completion of the 100-Level
Foundational Theology Degree

The standard lab requirements are given in the student 100-Level log sheet. However, this "Alternative Lab Work" sheet is made available through the seminary for students who are already involved in fulltime or near fulltime ministries. On an individual bases (*with the Academic Dean's permission and calculation/determination of equivalent lab work for credit hours*), other service may be deemed acceptable for fulfilling credit-hour requirements. Students in fulltime ministry positions are encouraged to contact the seminary regarding acceptable alternative lab work. For information, contact the seminary at (541) 714-3626.

☐ **Special Consideration:** For those to whom it applies (i.e., those with special permission from the seminary's Academic Dean regarding acceptable alternative requirements [i.e., ministry service lab hours, both study and service]) to some of the standard lab credit-hours listed above), this box is to be checked when lab-hours are completed.

Equivalency for Lab-Credit Hour Assessment: _____
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- *Lecture (development, delivery, classroom time): 78 hours*
- *Sermon Prep & Delivery (w/brief evaluation of courses)⊂ Testimony & Sun. Ch. Service Req's. ⊃; 160 hours*
- *Devotional study & Prayer Lab Req's.; 112 hours*
- *Church service lab time ⊂ Bible Studies/Prayer Mtg.⊃; 64 hours*
- *Christian fellowship & service lab; 192 hours*
- *Additional Reading (@ 2.5 hours per month for 9 mos.); 32 hours*

Total credit hours, estimated classroom and lab work ………… 638 hours

Academic Dean's Signature for Approval: _____

Final step:
When checklist is completed, sign and give to instructor.

Student Signs: _____Date _____

Print Name: _____

Finished

Instructions for Ministers Fulfilling the 100-Level Courses Requirements for Credit

The assessment of credit hours (including *lab* hours) are determined by the Academic Dean of School of the Called Seminary in order to be in compliance with H.E.C.C. of the State of Oregon for a religious degree granting institution. Credit hour equivalency to the traditional credit hour is an *estimated load* rather than an exact measurement of time.

The Academic Dean has offered qualifying students the following accelerated track which condenses and incorporates the lab requirements for the 100-Level course of study into 6 categories. The time to fulfill all 100-Level lab requirements @ the rate of 40 hours per week will take 16 weeks.

Estimated load (*spread over a 16 week period*) per week:

1.) Lecture (development, delivery, classroom time) @ _5_ hrs. per week.

2.) Sermon Prep, Delivery, Evaluations ⊂ *Testimony & S. Ch. Service Req's.* ⊃ @ _10_ hrs. per week.

3.) Devotional & Prayer Lab @ _7_ hrs. per week.

4.) Church Service Lab Time @ _4_ hrs. per week.

5.) Christian Fellowship and Service Lab @ _12_ hrs. per week.

6.) Additional Reading @ _2_ hrs. per week.

These 6 categories combine to produce an estimated _40_ hours per week. For questions, call (541) 714-3626—ask for the Academic Dean.

Simply Stated

To state this as simply as possible: Concerning a senior pastor (i.e., you as the instructor in your local congregation), fulfilling the lab requires for credit amounts to _16 weeks of pastoring_. Besides teaching the 10 courses to those you are discipling, just your typical ministry-week as a senior pastor has been estimated to fulfill the 40 hrs. a week lab requirements for the 100-Level courses—*for pastoring should naturally include all the above 6 categories required*.

Therefore, from the first lesson you prepare for and teach, keep track of the next 16 weeks of pastoring (it must be 16 new weeks in order to earn lab credit, not 16 past weeks of pastoring). At the conclusion of 16 weeks (in which you have also taught all ten courses to those you are discipling), you will have fulfilled all your lab requirements to obtain the 17 credits which can be applied towards the A. A. in Theology Degree (*as well as earning the in-house Foundational Theology Degree from the seminary*).

To apply for/receive the 17 credits, email a **_brief_** evaluation for each of the 10 courses to schoolofthecalledseminary@outlook.com, including your name, church and phone number. The seminary will create for you the completed transcript and diploma for the in-house credits and degree towards an A.A. in Theology Degree. Regarding the evaluations you write: The seminary is not asking you to write a deep evaluation for the courses, but only a sentence or two stating your approval of, or your suggestion for, improving the seminary's supplied outlines for each course. The two examples given below demonstrate the briefness desired regarding your evaluations for each of the ten courses:

Example 1: *"Course DC113: I appreciate the solid Scriptural foundation for the ordinances. I believe the outline is extremely useful."*

Example 2: *"Course CP117: I appreciate the value of this design for strengthening both the individual and for the entire congregation. However, I think it would be an improvement to the course to offer more help in how to train people to write and share their own testimony."*