



Certificate of Ministry

The Certificate of Ministry program is designed to provide basic training in biblical, theological, and ministerial competencies. The certificate is a fast-track option to gain foundational knowledge and skills to develop or enhance Christian ministry and service. The Certificate is designed for the student to demonstrate competencies associated with becoming a ministry leader, and help existing and emerging leaders be trained and recognized as part of a ministry leadership team that is one-minded in ministry vision and philosophy.

Specific Program Objectives:

- Comprehensive development in character, skills, and knowledge for effective ministry.
- Life development and lifelong learning orientation.
- Recognition of and participation in the centrality of the local church in the plan of God.
- Master Scripture relevance to church and leadership development at an initial level, particularly through study of the biblical theology of Acts and the Pauline Epistles.
- Reflect on contributions of leading scholars regarding church and leadership development.
- Address basic issues related to church and leadership development and analyze Scripture and other contributions related to those issues.
- Formulate conclusions and personal applications regarding those basic issues.

The C. Min is offered by distance education to existing leaders rooted in local churches, church networks, and other ministry organizations to help them be trained and recognized as part of a ministry leadership team that is one-minded in ministry vision and philosophy. Out of this team would come those who commit themselves long term to local church leadership or those who desire to train to be part of a missionary team involved in planting or establishing churches in other areas.

The Certificate of Ministry is offered at the undergraduate level. Credit earned in the Certificate program may be applied in its entirety to degree programs if the credit matches the requirements of the degree program.

Certificate of Ministry (C. Min.)

The Certificate of Ministry (C. Min.) is a one-year 30 semester hours of credit certificate granted for demonstration of foundational competencies associated with doing ministry according to the way of Christ and His Apostles.

10 Courses & Ministry Practicum:

GE 101 - Introduction to English Composition (3 Credits) – This course is designed to have students practice and acquire fundamental writing principles: parts of speech; sentence structure and sentence types; and punctuation. The course project consists of four assigned essays, submitted incrementally; thus students receive individual feedback from instructors throughout the course. The collateral writing assignment teaches vital research skills, requiring students to develop research questions and thesis statements. Students will gather notes from scholarly sources, organize their body of research, and write an accurately documented report.

FPS 101 - Faith & Community Life (3 Credits) – The first part this course is designed to take the student through a simple process of examining the Bible for themselves and carefully thinking through what it means to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is also designed to bring the student to a point of commitment or fully embracing the faith – the teachings of Jesus Christ. The second part of this course focuses on the first of two great needs in life, a sense of belonging and purpose. Belonging comes from a sense of family. In its most powerful sense, belonging is enjoyed within a true community. God's design for the local church is for it to be a family of families with strong, intergenerational roots: a powerful force in raising children, in building strong marriages, and in cultivating an intergenerational heritage that grows stronger generation by generation.

FPS 103 - Christian Lifestyle & Discipline (3 Credits) – The first part of this course focuses on the second of the two greatest needs in life: a sense of belonging and purpose. The problem with all the purposes we create (career, children, materialism, sports, recreation, leisure, etc.,) is that they are not big enough to encompass all of life. As Christians, we are given the ultimate purpose, the ultimate mission – fulfilling the mission of Jesus Christ. In this course the student will examine Christ's plan and identify how they can fully participate in that plan. In the second part of this course, the student will take a radically different approach to the habits of the heart. God never intended our lives to be based on a set of individual daily habits, but rather on a whole life orientation that grows out of family and community life.

FPS 105 - Marriage & Family Life (3 Credits) – In first part of this course the student will tour his attention to God's design for the marriage relationship. While Christian guidelines for the marriage relationship may seem archaic, or out of touch with contemporary culture, when understood, they reveal God's wisdom. In addition, their beauty and the residual effects that lead to a fruitful heritage can produce for generations to come. The second part of this course will focus on one of the most crucial tasks for churches of each generation - to see that the faith is successfully passed on to the next generation. The student will focus on the first principles of family life, particularly from the vantage point of passing on the faith to their children.

FPS 107 - Effective Ministry (3 Credits) – In the first part of this course the student will turn his attention to the role of work within family life. God has designed the household unit to be a productive unit in the life of the church community: providing for our own families, meeting needs within the church family, helping others in need in the community, and assisting believing church families throughout the world. Work should be balanced with every other area of the individual's life, enabling him to accomplish the "life basics" to which God has called us all. The second part of this course will focus on building the student's life on the right foundation and laying hold of the true prize. Each individual desires their lives to count for something. Everyone wants to invest their life in the right things. True success is far deeper and more comprehensive than financial security and enjoyment of this life. For the Christian, true success involves matters of eternal significance. It involves producing a godly heritage – passing on the faith to the next generation and fulfilling the lifework the each has been called to.

FPS 109 – Handling & Teaching God's Word (3 Credits) – In this course, the student will learn solid principles for validating an author's intended meaning as expressed in a text of Scripture. Each one must develop personal confidence in handling the Word, if they expect to be effective in training their children, ministering effectively in the church community, defending, and sharing the faith in a postmodern culture, and intelligently and creatively carrying out their lifework before a watching world. This course will instruct the student to practice the principles of interpretation. In the second part of this course the student will learn principles of inductive teaching. Taking what had been learned through study and developing solid effective methods of teaching.

RS 101 - Christian Foundations (3 Credits) – The Apostolic mindset is that maturity is necessary for the proper functioning of the Kingdom. Christianity is about the moral and spiritual transformation of life. This course seeks to build on the framework of foundational truths found in Hebrews 6:1-3. It is interesting to note that the first doctrine repentance is the start of the Christian's new life in Christ and the last foundational doctrine is eternal judgment. Thus, the entire length of the Christian's life is covered – from time to eternity. Establishing a strong foundation to build and press on from.

RS 103 – Fruitful Living (3 Credits) – Christians are grown in the soil of spiritual transformation and the whole counsel of God. The primary moral thrust of the Christian community belongs to those who reveal the character of the Lord Jesus Christ in every area of life. The fruit of those with discerning hearts is expressed in the decisions, priorities, and activities of daily life. This course offers practical insight of how this transformational process is worked out in individual lives as each yields to the work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

RS 105 – Building the Church (3 Credits) – In the first part of this course the student will study Acts for building an overall framework of what really happened in the Early Church. The unfolding of the Great Commission is profoundly misunderstood. The concept of a worldwide multiplication of churches has been reduced to a worldwide multiplication of individuals. The book of Acts was designed to shape our understanding of the Great Commission and how God designed it to unfold. The second part of this 43 course will focus on establishment principles of churches in varied cultural, political, and geographical settings. Building this foundation gives wisdom in handling future issues. In addition, strategic concepts that help establish, stabilize, and structure the church will be examined,

including leadership development and mission expansion, as well as guidelines and assessments to implement these strategies.

RS 107 - Christian Ethics (3 Credits) – Many people today are swayed by mere emotionalism or trapped by the most recent propaganda disseminated from the airwaves or classroom. The culprits behind the decline of our society are many. In this course, the real question addressed is not whether values or morality will be part of our society, but whose values will rule society. Also, the student will explore solutions to the prevailing ethical viewpoints of our culture that formed the foundation of the difficulties we now face.

MP101 Ministry Practicum I (1 Credit) – Contracted learning ministry including written description of preliminary plan and learning goals, report of actual experience, and evaluation and reflection of learning accomplished.

Financial Information:

Certificate of Ministry – 30 Semester Credit Hours:

- Registration Fee: \$75.00 (to be submitted with application)
- Tuition Fee: \$100/Credit Hour (30 credits) = \$3,000.00
- Graduation Fee: \$ 165.00
- **TOTAL:** **\$3,240.00**

The total tuition and Fees will be payable through a schedule of payments for 24 months.
For example: \$3,240.00 / 24 months = \$135/month

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