

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN PASTORAL MINISTRIES

These certificate programs are designed to meet the needs of persons in ministry who seek to acquire specific skills rather than a general preparation for ministry.

Pastoral Ministries

15 credits

For this general ministry certificate, students may select any pastoral ministry courses listed in this catalog and recommended by their advisor.

Campus Ministry

15 credits

STM 571	Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
STM 667	Models of Campus Ministry	3
STM 732	Christology	3
Two (2) electives to be approved by the Program Coordinator		6

Deaf Ministries

15 credits

STM 515	Deaf Studies	3
STM 665	Pastoral Ministries in the Deaf Community	3
STM 685	Spirituality and Prayer in the Deaf Community	3
STM 551	Religious Education and Spiritual Formation	3
STM 591	Supervised Ministry I	1
STM 691	Supervised Ministry II	1
STM 791	Advanced Ministry Integration	1

Youth Ministry

15 credits

STM 511	Human and Faith Development	3
STM 521	Hebrew Scriptures	3
	or	
STM 522	Christian Scriptures	3
STM 571	Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
STM 654	Theories and Practice of Youth Ministry	3

Course Description

STM 511 Human and Faith Development

Compares theories of human development as focused by adult and family lifecycle theories of the social sciences and theories of faith development as sources for pastoral practice.

STM 515 Deaf Studies

Addresses the concepts and issues particular to the Deaf community in the disciplines of history, anthropology, linguistics (American Sign Language), creative arts and literature, community and Deaf Culture. Participants will explore the relationship of the Church to Deaf Studies and Culture. ASL required.

STM 521 Hebrew Scriptures

Surveys the formation and literature of the Old Testament scriptures as well as providing practice of the tools of Old Testament interpretation commonly used by pastoral ministers.

STM 522 Christian Scriptures

Surveys the formation and literature of the New Testament. Included is an introduction to Scriptural interpretation and practice in the exegesis of texts.

STM 551 Religious Education and Spiritual Formation

Examines the church's ways of calling and forming Christians in their faith as they emerge through history and are analyzed by contemporary research. Emphasis on practical skills in educating faith communities.

STM 571 Pastoral Care and Counseling

Provides pastoral ministers with the basic principles and human relations skills for counseling in a faith-based setting, including spirituality and value orientation in the counselor/counselee relationship.

STM 591 Supervised Ministry I**1-3 credits**

Develops ministerial skills by placing students in an appropriate ministerial setting under the direction of an approved supervisor. Students practice setting and implementing goals and critiquing ministerial performance. Both student and supervisor report to the Practicum Director.

STM 654 Theories and Practice of Youth Ministry

Investigates the human and faith development needs of adolescents within the context of contemporary culture and the Christian Tradition for the purpose of providing appropriate ministerial responses to them.

STM 665 Pastoral Ministries in the Deaf Community

Aims to provide students the pastoral skills necessary to work in the Deaf community. Both maintenance and outreach aspects will be considered including communication, leadership and conflict resolution skills. ASL required.

STM 667 Models of Campus Ministry

Focuses on formation for ministry within a university setting, especially in acquiring the skills needed in ministering to the psychological, social and spiritual needs of young adults as they negotiate the tasks of discerning questions of vocation and life style.

STM 691 Supervised Ministry II**1-3 credits**

Develops ministerial skills by placing students in an appropriate ministerial setting under the direction of an approved supervisor. Students practice setting and implementing goals and critiquing ministerial performance. Both student and supervisor report to the Practicum Director.

STM 732 Christology

Integrates the study of historical developments in Christology as well as some recent Christologies with the faith response of discipleship.

STM 791 Ministry Integration Seminar**1-3 credits**

Develops ministerial skills by placing students in an appropriate ministerial setting under the direction of an approved supervisor. Students practice setting and implementing goals and critiquing ministerial performance. Both student and supervisor report to the Practicum Director.