

Non-Degree Certificate Programs

Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM)

The Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program provides alternative preparation for those who will provide pastoral ministry in emerging ministry contexts throughout the church. These contexts include ethnic specific, multicultural, rural, inner city, and ministry with deaf communities. TEEM is a process of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is described by them this way:

Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) is a process by which the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America approves for the roster of ordained ministers those persons “who by reason of age and prior experience” (Constitution 7.31.14) are qualified to participate in an alternative program of preparation for ordination. It is for exceptional persons who are identified for ministry in a specific context and complete theological education (non-MDiv degree) and candidacy requirements.

Candidates for the TEEM program are nominated by their synods and approved by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Normally TEEM candidates in rural settings are age 40 or older. Each candidate works with a Competency Assessment Panel (CAP, comprised of ELCA regionally deployed staff, synod candidacy, and seminary representatives) to design a program of study to complete all of the TEEM educational requirements.

Wartburg Theological Seminary has two certificate programs in support of the ELCA TEEM process, one based out of Dubuque and another, emphasizing ministry in and for Hispanic communities and is offered in partnership with the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), that is based out of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS) in Austin, Texas. Both of these programs incorporate the guidelines of the ELCA, which stipulate a program of study through a seminary of the church that includes the study of Scripture, Christian theology, the Lutheran Confessions, church history, worship, preaching, and the polity and practices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In addition, the candidate will be expected to complete a unit of supervised clinical work (CPE) and an internship.

Wartburg Theological Seminary TEEM program in Dubuque, Iowa

Wartburg Theological Seminary has implemented a specific curriculum for the preparation of candidates for ordained ministry through the TEEM program of the ELCA.

Abiding Commitments

The following are abiding commitments of Wartburg Theological Seminary that inform the entire TEEM curriculum:

- Action-reflection method of learning
- Sensitivity to context
- Missional church
- Justification and justice
- Partnership of women and men, clergy and laity in ministry
- Global connections
- Collegiality
- Ecumenical openness
- Fostering the spirit of life-long learning

Curriculum

The Wartburg Seminary TEEM Curriculum is designed to meet all of the ELCA requirements for the following seven competencies: biblical knowledge and understanding, basic understanding of theology/ethics, knowledge of Christianity in the United States, ability to understand and communicate the teachings of the Lutheran church, evangelism/stewardship/worship, pastoral care skills, and knowledge of ELCA church polity and ecclesiology.

The Wartburg TEEM curriculum includes the following requirements, courses, and activities:

- Hebrew Bible 1 (Torah and Psalms)
- Hebrew Bible 2 (Prophets and Wisdom)
- New Testament 1 (Gospels and Revelation)
- New Testament 2 (Pauline and Pastoral Epistles)
- Church History

- Lutheran Confessions and Mission
- Systematic Theology 1 and 2
- Lutheran Ethics
- Lutheran Leadership, Ecclesiology, and Church Polity
- Preaching 1 and 2
- Lutheran Worship
- Educational Ministry
- Pastoral Care
- Contextual Ministry (including stewardship and evangelism)
- One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
- Mentoring in partnership with home Synod
- Internship

Candidates may meet requirements for the Wartburg TEEM curriculum through multiple methods:

1. Intensive courses on the Wartburg campus four to six courses per year: usually one course during a fall weekend, and two courses during two separate summer weeks.
2. Through designated TEEM online courses. Three to four online courses are typically offered each semester.
3. Through designated Masters level courses held on the Wartburg campus during the fall and spring semesters.
4. Through designated Masters level online courses provided by WTS.

Normally TEEM candidates will complete at least half of their courses through on-campus intensives.

WTS TEEM Tuition

See the separate Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary website, for current tuition. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) may require additional tuition paid directly to the CPE site or host institution. Internship is also considered a “course” for purposes of the WTS TEEM program, with the tuition of one course charged to the student.

ELCA Candidacy Application for TEEM

Candidacy in the ELCA is a church-wide process. Entrance into candidacy occurs through a synod candidacy committee which provides guidance and makes decisions on behalf of the ELCA. Any person seeking to become a candidate for rostered ministry in the ELCA through the TEEM program should first contact their synod office for application and information.

For More Information about the WTS TEEM Program or to apply

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LSPS TEEM program in Austin, Texas

Where is LSPS?

LSPS is an extension program of Wartburg Theological Seminary and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Its mission is to prepare leaders for ordained ministry in Latina/o and cross-cultural contexts. We have been in Austin, TX since 1975. We are located on the campus of the Seminary of the Southwest, an Episcopal Seminary.

What is TEEM in the LSPS context?

Theological Education for Emerging Ministries is a program that prepares leaders for ordained ministry in the ELCA. Particular areas of emphasis are: ethnic specific, inner city and rural ministry; renewal of congregations in decline; and innovative missions.

The point of departure of the program at LSPS is the Latina/o emphasis. Since Spanish is the second most spoken language of the USA, the student is expected to attain cultural sensitivity of the Hispanic culture. Although English continues to be the language of communication, we affirm the plurality of cultures and languages in our context of ministry. In other words, you do not have to know Spanish; however, you do have to be open to diverse theological perspectives.

LSPS TEEM Curriculum:

The LSPS TEEM curriculum consists of the following elements:

- Biblical Interpretation – New Testament I
- Biblical Interpretation – New Testament II
- Biblical Interpretation – Old Testament I
- Biblical Interpretation – Old Testament II
- History of Christian Thought I
- History of Christian Thought II
- Lutheran Confessions I and II
- Contextual Ecclesiology
- Pastoral Arts I and II
- Preaching
- Liturgical and Sacramental Leadership
- Polity and Leadership
- Ethics
- Cultural Encuentro at the Hispanic Summer Program
- Clinical Pastoral Education, 1 unit.
- Mentoring in partnership with home Synod
- Internship

How much time will the LSPS program take?

Completion of the curriculum usually takes three to four years and is based on competency assessment. The competency assessment panel (CAP) is comprised of candidacy committee members and faculty who meet with the student periodically to assess the student's progress.

Where and When are LSPS courses offered?

The LSPS TEEM program uses an action/reflection/action model of learning while the student is immersed in the practice of ministry. Seminarians meet in Austin for intensive three to four days of study, four times a year: January, Spring, Summer and Fall.

How much do courses cost?

See the Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary or LSPS websites, for current tuition. Because of the nature of all LSPS TEEM courses currently being taught face-to-face in Austin, Texas, with its associated needs for housing and board, the cost per course billed includes more than just tuition. See the tuition and fees chart for the breakdown of these costs. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) may require additional tuition paid directly to the CPE site or host institution. Internship is also considered a "course" for purposes of the LSPS TEEM program, with the tuition-only portion of one course charged to the student.

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