

Seminary for Everyone Certificates

Advanced Certificate in Rural Ministry

The Certificate in Town and Country Church Leadership is designed for clergy and laity who are new to rural ministry and/or want to strengthen their ministry in small town and rural churches. The Certificate program consists of twelve courses, combining foundational subjects such as Bible, theology, and church history with rural ministry and community development. Program requirements are completed through a combination of online and intensive courses, allowing students the flexibility to work at their own pace taking one, two, or three courses at a time.

Certificate Requirements

Twelve courses are required for the Advanced Certificate in Rural Ministry, fulfilling the following requirements:

- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- History & Confessions
- Theology
- Pastoral Care
- Education & Discipleship
- Leadership & Faith Formation
- Evangelism
- Worship
- Rural Ministry/Community Development (2 courses)
- Elective

Requirements are typically fulfilled through a combination of online courses (of five- or eight-week duration) and on-campus face-to-face intensive courses taught in Dubuque (for 3-day weekends or five-day week-long periods). Most courses will come from the curriculum of our TEEM program (which are the certificate courses with TM course numbers), but can also come from Exploring Faith online courses (those with CE or CO course numbers that are scheduled on a more ad hoc basis as topics and instructors are arranged). To fulfill a certificate requirement, each course must be passed with either the Full Credit (FC) grade or minimally with the lesser Participant Credit (PC) grade. *Note: Currently most certificate students need to complete one or more requirements by a face-to-face intensive course if they are to complete the entire certificate in a timely fashion, as not all requirements are guaranteed to have courses scheduled that are online in their modality. Also, for the specialty requirement of this particular certificate, it is also possible that the student may elect or need to arrange to substitute an online course from our Masters graduate curriculum to complete enough courses in a timely fashion.*

WTS Certificate Tuition

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Graduation Requirements

To graduate and receive the advanced certificate, the student needs to complete all of the requirements for the certificate, file the "Application for Degree or Certificate" form with the Registrar, and be cleared for completion and in good standing with the Wartburg Theological Seminary business office, library, and financial aid office, including any requested payments and assigned tasks.

Time Available to Complete the Certificate

This certificate program normally must be completed within seven (7) calendar years of study from the oldest course to the most recent course, unless specific action is taken by the Academic Dean to extend this duration for a student.

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Advanced Certificate in Theology and Congregational Leadership

The Advanced Certificate in Theology and Congregational Leadership is designed for clergy and laity who want to strengthen their ministry leadership. The Certificate program consists of twelve courses, combining foundational subjects such as Bible, theology, and church history with two courses in the area of specialty. Program requirements are completed through a combination of online and intensive courses, allowing students the flexibility to work at their own pace, taking one, two, or three courses at a time.

Certificate Requirements

Twelve courses are required for the Advanced Certificate in Theology and Congregational Leadership, fulfilling the following requirements:

- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- History & Confessions
- Theology 1
- Theology 2 or Ethics
- Worship
- Leadership & Faith Formation
- Education & Discipleship
- Pastoral Care
- Contextual Ministry
- Ministry Specialization (2 courses)

Requirements are typically fulfilled through a combination of online courses (of five- or eight-week duration) and on-campus face-to-face intensive courses taught in Dubuque (for 3-day weekends or five-day week-long periods). Most courses will come from the curriculum of our TEEM program (which are the certificate courses with TM course numbers), but can also come from Exploring Faith online courses (those with CE or CO course numbers that are scheduled on a more ad hoc basis as topics and instructors are arranged). To fulfill a certificate requirement, each course must be passed with either the Full Credit (FC) grade or minimally with the lesser Participant Credit (PC) grade. *Note: Currently most certificate students need to complete one or more requirements by a face-to-face intensive course if they are to complete the entire certificate in a timely fashion, as not all requirements are guaranteed to have courses scheduled that are online in their modality. Also, for the specialty requirement of this particular certificate, it is also possible that the student may elect or need to arrange to substitute an online course from our Masters graduate curriculum to complete enough courses in a timely fashion.*

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Advanced Certificate in Youth & Family Ministry

The Advanced Certificate in Youth & Family Ministry is designed for clergy and laity who want to strengthen their ministry with children, youth, families and across the generations. The Certificate program consists of twelve courses, combining foundational subjects such as Bible, theology, and church history with two courses in youth & family Ministry. Program requirements are completed through a combination of online and intensive courses, allowing students the flexibility to work at their own pace, taking one, two, or three courses at a time.

Certificate Requirements

Twelve courses are required for the Advanced Certificate in Youth & Family Ministry, fulfilling the following requirements:

- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- History & Confessions
- Theology 1
- Theology 2 or Ethics
- Worship
- Leadership & Faith Formation
- Education & Discipleship
- Pastoral Care
- Contextual Ministry
- Youth Ministry Specialization (2 courses)

Requirements are typically fulfilled through a combination of online courses (of five- or eight-week duration) and on-campus face-to-face intensive courses taught in Dubuque (for 3-day weekends or five-day week-long periods). Most courses will come from the curriculum of our TEEM program (which are the certificate courses with TM course numbers), but can also come from Exploring Faith online courses (those with CE or CO course numbers that are scheduled on a more ad hoc basis as topics and instructors are arranged). To fulfill a certificate requirement, each course must be passed with either the Full Credit (FC) grade or minimally with the lesser Participant Credit (PC) grade. *Note: Currently most certificate students need to complete one or more requirements by a face-to-face intensive course if they are to complete the entire certificate in a timely fashion, as not all requirements are guaranteed to have courses scheduled that are online in their modality. Also, for the specialty courses of this particular certificate, it is also possible that the student may elect or need to arrange to substitute an online course from our Masters graduate curriculum to complete enough courses in a timely fashion.*

WTS Certificate Tuition

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Graduation Requirements

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Time Available to Complete the Certificate

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Certificate in Hispanic Ministry at LSPS in Austin, TX

NOTE: As of the publication of this catalog, this particular Hispanic Ministry certificate program is under review, pending adjustments that may be needed after we implement the *Journey Together* TEEM Program (described elsewhere in this catalog) in its Spanish-language version, including review of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest (LSPS) curriculum. We have not specifically halted admitting students to this certificate program, but nor can we guarantee the timely availability of courses to meet these program requirements if admitted until after this review is completed and changes implemented.

This certificate will equip laity for contextual ministry with the Latino/a community, offer Latina/o perspectives on the Lutheran confessions and doctrines, provide pastoral care practices, engage the ethical principles for moral decision-making, and give an overview of Christian history from the perspective of the margins.

Certificate Requirements

Eight requirements taught across five content areas are required for the Certificate in Hispanic Studies, all which are taught through LSPS:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- History of Christian Thought I
- History of Christian Thought II
- Lutheran Confessions I
- Lutheran Confessions II
- Contextual Ecclesiology
- Pastoral Arts I
- Pastoral Arts II
- Ethics

Note: Currently all of these course requirements are currently taught only as face-to-face intensive courses at the LSPS offices in Austin, Texas, as two-, three-, or five-day classroom courses. No online courses are currently available for this certificate's curriculum.

LSPS Certificate Tuition

See the Tuition and Fees section earlier in this catalog, or the Wartburg Seminary website, for current tuition. Additional housing and/or meal fees may be incurred for on-campus intensive courses.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate and receive the ministry certificate, the student needs to complete all of the requirements for the certificate, file the "Application for Degree or Certificate" form with the Registrar, and be cleared for completion and in good standing with the Wartburg Theological Seminary business office, library, and financial aid office, including any requested payments and assigned tasks.

Time Available to Complete the Certificate

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Certificate in Theological Studies

This certificate is earned by the completion of eight courses, taught in a combination of online and on campus intensive courses, covering Bible, church history, theology, and electives. The certificate, for lay leaders and pastors, is designed for participants to work at their own pace, taking one, two, or three courses at a time.

Certificate Requirements

Eight courses are required for the Certificate in Theological Studies, fulfilling the following requirements:

- Hebrew Bible
- New Testament
- Choice of one History or Confessions Course
- Choice of one Systematic Theology Course
- Choice of one Contextual Ministry Course
- Elective
- Elective
- Elective

Requirements are typically fulfilled through a combination of online courses (of five- or eight-week duration) and on-campus face-to-face intensives courses taught in Dubuque (for 3-day weekends or five-day week-long periods). Most courses will come from the curriculum of our TEEM program (which are the certificate courses with TM course numbers), but can also come from Exploring Faith online courses (those with CE or CO course numbers that are scheduled on a more ad hoc basis as topics and instructors are arranged). To fulfill a certificate requirement, each course must be passed with either the Full Credit (FC) grade or minimally with the lesser Participant Credit (PC) grade. *Note: Currently most certificate students need to complete one or more requirements by a face-to-face intensive course if they are to complete the entire certificate in a timely fashion, as not all requirements are guaranteed to have courses scheduled that are online in their modality.*

WTS Certificate Tuition

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Graduation Requirements

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