# DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

# Diploma in Christian Studies

This 24-credit-hour program is designed for lay people who may study part-time or take one year full-time. All courses may subsequently be applied to any North Park Theological Seminary degree program, pending approval and completion of regular application procedures. The units are divided as follows:

- 6 hours of biblical studies
- 6 hours of history and theology
- 6 hours of Christian ministry
- 6 hours of electives

# Certificates

Certificate programs are typically 12-to-15 credit hours in length. Certificates are somewhat flexible and students are encouraged to work with an advisor to tailor course requirements if desired and where possible. All courses taken as part of a certificate can be applied to a degree program where applicable.

## Certificate in Christian Studies

This 8-credit-hour (plus 1 field education credit) certificate is a basic orientation to Christian thought, spirituality, and practice at the masters level

## Required course (1 credit hour):

MNST 5101 Academic Writing

#### One of the following (3 credit hours):

BIBL 5150 Interpreting the New Testament I

BIBL 5151 Interpreting the New Testament II

BIBL 6120 Interpreting the Old Testament I

BIBL 6121 Interpreting the Old Testament II

HSTY 6210 Christian Tradition and Mission

Student may request to take HSTY 5200 Christian Heritage I or HSTY 5201 Christian Heritage II if shelhe anticipates applying to the MATS or MDiv degree programs in the near future.

## One of the following (3 credit hours):

MNST \*\*\*\*

OR

CEDF \*\*\*\*

Student may take any 3-credit-hour course in the ministry or Christian education field that does not have a pre-requisite.

#### One of the following (1 credit hour):

SPFM 5201 Spiritual Journey

SPFM 5202 Spiritual Practices

SPFM 6220 Journaling as a Spiritual Practice

## Required Field Education Course (1 field education hour):

FLDC 5300 Vocational Excellence

## Certificate in Faith and Health

The 12-credit-hour certificate in Faith and Health offered by the Seminary in collaboration with the North Park University School of Nursing is designed to provide core concepts for ministries of health. This program is taught by faculty from multiple disciplines, including health ministries, nursing, theology, ethics, Bible, and pastoral care, providing a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary learning for health professionals and clergy to explore the connections between faith and health in clinical and congregational settings. Options in course format allow for distance learning. In addition to the courses listed below,

periodically, mission trips/classes to Latin America, Africa, and Asia will be offered with a community-health focus.

## Two of the following (6 credit hours):

BIBL 6263 Biblical Perspectives on Health and Healing THEO 5171 Theology of Caring and Health MNST 6301 Religion, Spirituality and Health

#### Two of the following (6 credit hours):

MNST 5130 Engaging Congregations in Ministries of Health MNST 5131 Spiritual Issues in Chronic Illness and Disability MNST 5137 Faith, Health and Community Development MNST 7195 Special Topics in Faith and Health THEO 5175 Ethics of Caring and Health

## Certificate in Justice Ministries

The 15-credit-hour certificate provides a foundational basis for doing justice ministries rooted in a biblical and theological understanding. The course combinations give skills and methods to approach specific areas of justice, depending on the interests and focus of the student. The range of areas that the certificate can focus on includes: ecology, race, economy and gender. The certificate will give both a theoretical and practical approach to the student who wants to do ministry in this area.

## Required courses (6 credit hours)

THEO 6334 Theological and Ethical Foundations of Justice MNST 6280 Mobilizing for Justice: Methods and Practice of Justice

## Three of the following (9 credit hours)

BIBL 5146 Hosea and Amos

BIBL 6247 Old Testament Theology

BIBL 7201 Bible, Race, and Gender

HSTY 7310 Wilderness and Faith

MNST 6401 Sankofa: Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation

THEO 6332 Thought of Wendell Berry

THEO 7220 Christian Ethics

MNST 6224 Pastoral Care and Community Justice

# Certificate in Youth Ministry

Supported by the Center for Youth Ministry Studies, this 15-credit-hour certificate provides basic theoretical and practical training for those who intend on ministering with youth in church or parachurch organizations. The certificate can provide a concentration within a degree or be taken as a stand-alone program for non-degree seeking students.

#### Required course (3 credit hours):

CEDF 6300 Foundations of Youth Ministry

## One of the following (3 credit hours):

CEDF 5111 Teaching and Learning for Christian Formation CEDF 5113 History and Theology of Christian Formation CEDF 6205 Models of Christian Formation

## One or two of the following (3-6 credit hours):

CEDF 6228 Management Issues in Youth Ministry CEDF 6303 Youth Issues and Assessment

## One or two of the following (3-6 credit hours)

CEDF 6218 Teaching Confirmation (1 credit hour)

CEDF 6310 Special Topics in Youth Ministry (2 credit hours)

CEDF 6231 Ministry with Families

CEDF 6273 Camping and Retreat Ministry

## Certificate in Intercultural Studies

This 15-credit-hour certificate is designed to prepare those considering or currently serving in cultures outside of their own and for those anticipating ministry in churches involved in multicultural and global ministries. The certificate program can provide missiological tools to help leaders and their churches think, plan, and serve biblically, culturally, and strategically. Options in course format allow for distance learning. For more information contact Professor Paul DeNeui, director of the Center for World Christian Studies (CWCS) at pdeneui@northpark.edu or (773) 244-6230.

#### Required courses (6 credit hours)

MNST 6151 Cultural Dimensions of Mission MNST 6277 Religions and Cultures

## One of the following travel courses (3 credit hours)

MNST 5156 Mission and Ministry in Latin America

MNST 5157 Mission and Ministry in Asia

MNST 5158 Mission and Ministry in Africa

MNST 5159 International Mission and Ministry

MNST 6401 Sankofa: Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation

To participate in a travel course, students must first apply.

#### Two of the following (6 credit hours)

MNST 7140 God's Global Vision: Biblical Foundations of Mission

MNST 6152 Mission Strategy and Methodology

MNST 6264 Communicating the Faith in the Contemporary World

MNST 5175 Global Partnership: Practicing Biblical Koinonia

MNST 6150 Pastoring the Missional Church

## Foundational Courses Certificate

This 12-credit-hour certificate is designed for those involved in ECC credentialing who are starting seminary studies. This certificate may help the participant determine whether to continue, or to fulfill credentialing requirements after earning advanced degrees in other fields (e.g., a PhD in some specialization).

## Required courses (6 credit hours):

HSTY 6210 Christian Tradition and Mission THEO 6330 Christian Theology

## One of the following (3 credit hours):

BIBL 6120 Interpreting the Old Testament I BIBL 6121 Interpreting the Old Testament II

## One of the following (3 credit hours):

BIBL 5150 Interpreting the New Testament I BIBL 5151 Interpreting the New Testament II

## Cohort Certificates

Admission to either the Certificate in Spiritual Direction or the Certificate in Urban Ministry means joining a creative learning community. A maximum of 20 students are admitted to each program each summer and continue to work together for the duration of the program. Both programs have special admission requirements and admission to a degree program does not gaurantee admission to a cohort certificate program. Contact the Seminary Admission Office at (773) 244-6229 or semadmissions@northpark.edu.

Students may be enrolled in a degree program and a cohort certificate concurrently. However, not all certificate courses may apply toward degree requirements. In the case of the Certificate in Spiritual Direction, CSD courses will first apply to spiritual formation requirements and then general electives not already fulfilled. In cases where the degree program is the MACF or MACM, CSD courses may then apply toward available

MNST (but not CEDF) electives. In the case of the Certificate in Urban Ministry, MNST 6351 may be used to fulfill up to 3 credit hours of available SPFM courses and then general electives not already fulfilled.

# Certificate in Spiritual Direction

This program is offered through the C. John Weborg Center for Spiritual Direction and is designed for mature Christian leaders and ministers who would benefit from training and supervised experience in the ministry of spiritual direction.

Learning Outcomes for the Certificate in Spiritual Direction

Upon earning a certificate, students will demonstrate capactiy to:

- 1. Identify the history and cultural distinctives of spiritual direction in the Christian tradition.
- 2. Recognize the movement of God in one's own life (discernment) with a growing capacity to listen deeply for the same in others.
- 3. Embrace the call and commitment to the ministry of spiritual direction prepared to engage the church and the worl with its gifts.

The Certificate in Spiritual Direction is anchored in three intensive summer courses taken over two years. During the intervening two years, students take two practicum courses, for a total of 15 semester hours of academic credit.

#### Year One:

SPFM 7501 (3 credit hours) Foundations of Listening and Discerning (intensive)

SPFM 7502 (3 credit hours) Listening and Discerning Practicum I (online)

#### Year Two:

SPFM 7503 (3 credit hours) Spiritual Directing: Listening to the Movement of God with Another (intensive)
SPFM 7504 (3 credit hours) Spiritual Directing Practicum II (online)

## Year Three:

SPFM 7505 (3 credit hours) The Ministry of Spiritual Direction: Listening to God in the Church and World (intensive)

## Certificate in Urban Ministry

This program is designed for Christian ministers and lay leaders who would benefit from education and a supervised learning experience in the complex and rapidly changing context of urban ministry.

The Certificate in Urban Ministry is fulfilled in three summer intensive courses and two online courses, for a total of 15 semester hours of academic credit.

#### Year One:

MNST 6350 (3 credit hours) Theological Foundations for Urban Ministry (intensive)

MNST 6351 (3 credit hours) Spiritual Formation in the Urban Context (online)

#### Year Two:

MNST 6352 (3 credit hours) Journey to Mosaic (intensive) MNST 6354 (3 credit hours) The Practice of Urban Ministry (online)

#### Year Three

MNST 6355 (3 credit hours) Urban Ministry Leadership (intensive)