

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
 BIBL 7190 The New Testament Texts and Their World
 BIBL 7190 Old Testament: Pentateuch and Interpretation
 HSTY 6210 Christian Tradition and Mission

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
 MNST 6301 Religion, Spirituality and Health
 THEO 5171 Theology of Caring 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)

MNST 6280 Mobilizing for Justice: Methods and Practice of Justice
 THEO 6334 Theological and Ethical Foundations 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 6224 Pastoral Care and Community Justice
 MNST 6401 Sankofa: Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation
 THEO 6332 Thought of Wendell Berry
 THEO 7220 Christian Ethics

Certificate in Youth Ministry

Supported by the Center for Youth Ministry Studies, this 12-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 courses (6 credit hours):

CEDF 7200 Christian Education and Formation
 CEDF 6300 Foundations of Youth Ministry

Two of the following (6 credit hours):

CEDF 6228 Management Issues in Youth Ministry
 CEDF 6231 Ministry with Families
 CEDF 6273 Camping and Retreat Ministry
 CEDF 6303 Youth Issues and Assessment
 CEDF 6310 Special Topics in Youth Ministry (3 credit hours)

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 5175 Global Partnership: Practicing Biblical Koinonia
MNST 6150 Pastoring the Missional Church
MNST 6152 Mission Strategy and Methodology
MNST 6264 Communicating the Faith in the Contemporary World
MNST 7140 God's Global Vision: Biblical Foundations of Mission

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
BIBL 7190 Old Testament: Pentateuch and Interpretation

One of the following (3 credit hours):

BIBL 5150 Interpreting the New Testament I
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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 guarantee 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:

- Identify the history and cultural distinctives of spiritual direction in the Christian tradition.
- Recognize the movement of God in one's own life (discernment) with a growing capacity to listen deeply for the same in others.
- Embrace the call and commitment to the ministry of spiritual direction prepared to engage the church and the world 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 with online work extending into the fall semester and two online courses in the spring semester, for a total of 15 semester hours of academic credit.

MNST 6350 (3 credit hours) Theological Foundations for Urban Ministry (hybrid intensive)
MNST 6351 (3 credit hours) Spiritual Formation in the Urban Context (online)
MNST 6352 (3 credit hours) Journey to Mosaic (hybrid intensive)
MNST 6354 (3 credit hours) The Practice of Urban Ministry (hybrid intensive)
MNST 6355 (3 credit hours) Urban Ministry Leadership (online)

Certificate in Church Planting

Subject to faculty approval.

In collaboration with the Start & Strengthen Churches Team of the Evangelical Covenant Church, NPTS is developing a new 12-credit hour Certificate in Church Planting. If the proposal for this certificate successfully completes the faculty approval process it will be offered on a pilot basis in 2014/15. The proposed certificate curriculum includes "MNST 6266 Church Planting Ecclesiology," an existing seminary class. This class will be offered in 2014/15 and is open to all seminary students for use as an elective within their degree programs. However, in this pilot year the certificate itself will only be open to those already accepted for Church Planting by the ECC. It is intended that, following review of its initial year, the certificate will become open for applications from others in future years.