
Certificate in Theology Program

Program Purpose

This program is designed to equip church ministry leaders and non-ministry professionals to better understand their faith and its relevance to life and work. It provides an organized, structured series of courses for ministers and laypersons who want to improve their knowledge and preparedness for ministry.

The program is designed as a six-month course of study, consisting of six individual courses. Each course runs for four weeks and includes two class sessions per weekend. Each session is three hours in length.

Program Objectives

- To provide fundamental ministry skills in communication and evangelism.
- To deepen the spiritual formation of Christian workers.
- To provide competent workers for local church and denominational ministries.
- To equip local clergy and laypersons with skills needed for ministry in the Old and New Testament Scriptures.
- To gain an overall framework for interpreting and applying passages of Scripture to life and ministry.

Our Identity

Dickerson-Green Theological Seminary at Allen University is an educational constituent of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of South Carolina.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide high-quality ministry training for practicing clergy and laypersons who aspire to fulfill their calling in the ministry.

Our Vision

Our vision is to build a community of trained, faithful believers who care for the needs and aspirations of others and to build the capacity of sincere persons who have answered the call and are committed to the cause of Christ.

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Program Courses

Introduction to Old Testament: This course introduces the student to the historical, cultural, and literary content of each book. Emphasis is placed upon each book's purpose and message and biblical-theological development with the goal of helping the student to better use the text in daily living and ministry.

Introduction to New Testament: This course is an introduction to the 27 books of the New Testament. The course will focus on the contents and unique features of select books of the New Testament with attention to historical background and cultural setting. Students will learn the basic truths concerning the New Testament and acquire a foundation from which to approach further studies.

Introduction to Christian Leadership: This course introduces students to the foundational principles of Christian leadership. Special attention is given to the character and calling of the leader, the model of servant leadership exemplified by Jesus Christ, the role of spiritual gifts in ministry, and the mission of the church in forming faithful and effective leaders.

Introduction to Christian Education: The emphasis of the course is to introduce to persons interested or responsible for Christian Education strategies and content designed to improve the quality of Christian Education in the local church.

The Black Church in America: The course will survey the historical, sociological, and theological life of the African American Church and the major doctrines which shaped the church and informed its social witness.

Introduction to Pastoral Care: This course builds skills for offering pastoral care across the lifespan of individuals and families. It also presumes an interest in care for cultural and social institutions as the collective context within which individual and communal identities develop and grow.

Introduction to Evangelism: This course provides instruction and a practical methodology for soul winning in the local church. The course will explore the methods in which the Gospel can be contextualized in a meaningful way in various ministries, in church planting, and in cross-cultural settings.

Introduction to Preaching: This course is designed to bring together the theoretical and practical aspects of sermon development. Students explore a theological understanding of preaching and a psychological-sociological analysis of the formal elements of sermon development, construction, and delivery. Requirements include both composition and delivery of a sermon.

Program Cost

The total cost of the program is \$1,000.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 is required at the time of registration or on the first day of class. The remaining balance must be paid in full no later than the end of Session 5. Please note that certificates of completion will only be issued once all financial and academic requirements are fulfilled. Payments may be made by check, payable to Allen University, or online at: www.allenuniversity.edu/payments.

Program Credits

Students who complete all six (6) courses earn the Certificate in Theology and twelve (12) Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Students are evaluated on a Pass/ Fail grading system. CEUs cannot be converted into degree credits.



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At

Allen University

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Cell:

Email:

Years in Ministry:

Name/Address of Church:

Current Role in Local Church:

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name:

Telephone:

EDUCATION:

_____ Grade School _____ High School _____ College _____ Seminary

Name of College:

Year Graduated:

Degree Earned:

Name of Graduate School:

Year Graduated:

Degree Earned:

PLEASE INDICATE THE COURSE YOU WILL TAKE EACH TERM

Course	Date Enrolled	Course	Date Enrolled
Intro to Christian Leadership		Intro to Preaching	
Intro to Old Testament		Intro to Christian Education	
Intro to New Testament		Intro to Pastoral Care	

