



WESTERN SEMINARY



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Graduate Studies Diploma Program

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Western Seminary offers the flexible, one-year Graduate Studies Diploma (GSD) program for individuals with varying objectives for theological education. The program may be appropriate for:

- Christian laypersons who desire the equivalent of one year of theological study to equip them for effective ministry in the local church or elsewhere;
- Mission personnel in professional and non-professional roles who seek formal biblical, theological, and missiological training;
- Ministry workers desiring to establish strong foundations in biblical, theological and ministry studies;
- Individuals who need a “trial year” in seminary to better define their goals and calling;
- Christian educators who need to continue their education in biblical and theological studies;
- Market-place leaders who wish to supplement their college/university education with a year of theological study;
- Spouses of Western students who wish to concurrently complete a program of studies in anticipation of vocational ministry.

Since these credits could also subsequently be applied to M.A. or M.Div. degree programs (depending upon the specific curricular requirements for each), the GSD is also suitable for those who wish to enroll in seminary without making the commitment required for a degree program. GSD students are able to select the discipline in which they will take most (or all) of this coursework. The diploma program, by itself, is typically not adequate preparation for vocational ministry. While it is not intended to provide a full level of training and education for pastoral, church-planting, and teaching ministries, it does provide a foundation of biblical education and ministry skills helpful for bi-vocational ministries and those serving in a support capacity. The program is designed to fulfill minimum educational requirements of certain parachurch and mission organizations. The diploma program may be used as the equivalent of the first year of either the M.Div. or M.A. programs.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering the diploma program are expected to present a baccalaureate degree and give evidence of Christian faith, character, promise, and maturity. The same admission standards, materials, and procedures as for the M.Div. program are required. Applicants who seek admission, but do not meet admission requirements, may seek special consideration from the Admissions Committee.

GRADUATE STUDIES DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

To earn a diploma, a student must complete 30 semester hours of study with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. Many courses are offered by an intensive (on campus) schedule, or through a variety of distance learning formats. The intensive module permits study through convenient scheduling options throughout the year. The distance learning format provides opportunity to individuals outside Portland to study and learn while remaining in their home area and ministries.

Western Seminary offers four options in the Graduate Studies Diploma program: Bible and Theology, Ministry, Pastoral Care to Women, and Open Track.

GRADUATE STUDIES DIPLOMA IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

Spiritual formation studies: 2 credits

SFS 501 Learning to Love God and Others (2)

Biblical interpretation studies: 16 credits

DBS 506 Learning to Interpret Scripture (4)

BLS 501 Interpreting Genesis to Song of Solomon (4)

BLS 502 Interpreting the Prophets to Gospels (4)

BLS 503 Interpreting Acts to Revelation (4)

Theological studies: 10 credits

THS 501 Knowing the Triune God: Theology I (4)

THS 502 Glorifying the God of our Salvation: Theology II (4)

THS 503 Living as the Community of the Spirit: Theology III (2)

Electives: 2 credits

Total: 30 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY

Spiritual formation studies: 4 credits

SFS 501 Learning to Love God and Others (2)

SFS 504 Growing into Ethical Maturity (2)

Ministerial studies: 18 credits

DIS 501 Communicating Christ in Culture (2)

DMS 501 Thinking Theologically about Ministry Leadership (2)

DMS 502 Introducing Theology and Practice of Worship (2)

DMS 506 Developing Godly Leadership for the 21st Century (2)

EMS 505 Growing Disciples Intentionally (2)

PTS 503 Practicing Evangelism and Apologetics (2)

PTS 504 Maximizing the Church's Redemptive Influence (2)

PTS 507 Pastoral Counseling (2)

PTS 508 Developing Strong Families (2)

Electives: 8 credits

Total: 30 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL CARE TO WOMEN

Spiritual formation studies: 4 credits

SFS 501 Learning to Love God and Others (2)

SFS 504 Growing into Ethical Maturity (2)

Ministerial studies: 6 credits

Any course with a DMS or PTS prefix with advisor approval

Pastoral care to women studies: 12 credits

Required:

PCW 511 Pastoral Understanding of Women (2)

PCW 512X Women in Pain, Part I (2)

PCW 513 Women in Leadership (2)

Restricted electives: choose six credits from:

- PCW 512Y Women in Pain, Part 2 (2)
- PCW 514 Building Relational Ministries to Women (2)
- PCW 515 Develop and Deliver Life-Changing Messages (2)
- PCW 521 Develop Life Changing Bible Study Curriculum (2)

Electives: 8 credits

Total: 30 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES DIPLOMA OPEN TRACK

Biblical and theological studies: 16 credits

Any course with a BLS, CHS, DBS, NTS, OTS, THS prefix

Intercultural or ministry studies: 6 credits

Any course with a DIS, DMS, CNS, EMS, FMS, ICS, MCS, MFM, PCW, PTS, YMS prefix

Concentration studies: 8 credits

Courses in one area with advisor consent

Total: 30 credits

Graduate Studies Certificate Program

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Western Seminary offers the short and flexible Graduate Studies Certificate (GSC) program for individuals who desire limited and focused theological training for graduate credit, and who are interested in receiving a certificate (as opposed to a diploma or degree) upon completing their course of study. Since these credits could also subsequently be applied to diploma or degree programs (depending upon the specific curricular requirements for each), the GSC is also suitable for those who wish to enroll in seminary without making the commitment required for these longer programs. GSC students are able to select the discipline in which they will take most (or all) of this coursework.

Students who wish to pursue this type of program, but on an enrichment basis, should take the Advanced Studies Certificate offered by the Center for Lifelong Learning (see page 98).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering the certificate program for credit are expected to present a baccalaureate degree and give evidence of Christian faith, character, promise, and maturity. The same admission standards, materials, and procedures as for the M.Div. program are required. Applicants who seek admission, but who do not meet admission requirements, may seek special consideration from the Admissions Committee.

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

To earn a certificate for credit a student must complete 16 credit hours of study with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. Students, with advisor consent, will choose one concentration area of at least 8 credits grouped around a common discipline or theme, and the remaining hours (up to the required 16) as open electives. Students anticipating or considering later applying these credits towards a 30-hour Graduate Studies Diploma or a master's degree (M.A. or M.Div.) should consult with their advisor to ensure that credits earned in the certificate program will apply toward their future degree program.

Many courses are offered by an intensive (on campus) schedule, or through a variety of distance learning formats. The intensive module permits study through convenient scheduling options throughout the year. The distance learning format provides opportunity to individuals outside Portland to study and learn while remaining in their home area and ministries.

Western Seminary offers seven options in the Graduate Studies Certificate program: Bible, Theology, Ministry, Coaching, Pastoral Care to Women, Youth and Family Ministry, and Open Track.

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN BIBLE

Biblical studies: 4 credits

DBS 506 Learning to Interpret Scripture (4)

Biblical literature: 12 credits

BLS 501 Interpreting Genesis to Song of Solomon (4)

BLS 502 Interpreting the Prophets to Gospels (4)

BLS 503 Interpreting Acts to Revelation (4)

Total: 16 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Biblical studies: 4 credits

DBS 506 Learning to Interpret Scripture (4)

Biblical Languages: 9 credits

NTS 508 Introducing Foundation for Greek Exegesis (3)

NTS 509 Greek Reading and Syntax (3)

NTS 510 Greek Exegesis: Acquiring Interpretive Skills (3)

Or

OTS 508 Introducing Foundation for Hebrew Exegesis (3)

OTS 509 Hebrew Reading and Syntax (3)

OTS 510 Hebrew Exegesis: Acquiring Interpretive Skills (3)

Electives: 3 credits

Total: 16 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY

Biblical studies: 4 credits

DBS 506 Learning to Interpret Scripture (4)

Theological studies: 10 credits

THS 501 Knowing the Triune God: Theology I (4)

THS 502 Glorifying the God of our Salvation: Theology II (4)

THS 503 Living as the Community of the Spirit: Theology III (2)

Electives: 2 credits

Total: 16 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY

Ministerial studies: 12 credits

DBS 506 Learning to Interpret Scripture (4)

DIS 501 Communicating Christ in Culture (2)

DMS 501 Thinking Theologically about Ministry Leadership (2)

EMS 505 Growing Disciples Intentionally (2)

PTS 504 Maximizing the Church's Redemptive Influence (2)

Electives: 4 credits

Total: 16 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN COACHING

Coaching and ministry studies: 12 credits

- MCS 510 Introduction to Coaching (1)
- MCS531-4 Coaching Practicum (1+1+1+1)
- MCS 511 Coaching for Change (1)
- MCS 512 Life and Personal Coaching (1)
- MCS 513 Coaching Approach to Leading and Managing (1)
- MCS 514 Coaching in Congregations for Spiritual Development (1)
- MCS 5xx Coaching elective (advisor consent) (1)
- MFM 500 Discovering/Developing Your Ministry Potential (2)

Electives: 4 credits

Total: 16 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL CARE TO WOMEN

Pastoral Studies to women: 12 credits

- PCW 511 Pastoral Understanding of Women (2)
- PCW 512X Women in Pain, Part I (2)
- PCW 512Y Women in Pain, Part 2 (2)
- PCW 513 Women in Leadership (2)
- PCW 514 Building Relational Ministries to Women (2)
- PCW 515 Develop and Deliver Life-Changing Messages (2)

Electives: 6 credits

Total: 16 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Youth and ministry studies: 12 credits

- YMS 502 Develop. a Theo. Model for 21st Century Youth Min. (2)
- YMS 503 Leading a Youth Ministry (2)
- FMS 501 Family Ministry in the Church (2)
- YMS 501 Understanding Adolescent Development (1)
- YMS 504 Communicating to Youth (1)
- YMS 505 Issues for 21st Century Youth Ministry (1)
- YMS 506 Spiritual Formation of Youth (1)
- EMS 505 Growing Disciples Intentionally (2)

Electives: 4 credits

Total: 16 credits

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATE OPEN TRACK

Concentration studies (with advisor consent): 8 credits

Electives: 8 credits

Total: 16 credits

Students who wish to pursue this type of program, but on an enrichment basis, should take the Advanced Studies Certificate offered by the Center for Lifelong Learning (see page 91).

“With our rigorous and comprehensive coach training program, Western is at the forefront of ministry training today. The GSC in Coaching empowers learners with a coaching mindset, skill set, and tool set, which combine to give the learner the ability to use conversation and relationship to help others learn, grow, and succeed. These potent and portable competencies allow our students to make kingdom impact in the church, marketplace, and community.”

Chad Hall, Director of Coaching

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