

# PASTORAL MINISTRY - CERTIFICATE

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The purpose of the pastoral ministry certificate program is to prepare students for ministry in today's church and society. The program integrates three necessary competencies for effective ministry: faith-based spirituality, theological depth and pastoral experience.

Students may acquire the certificate either with or without a baccalaureate degree or while pursuing the masters of arts degree in theology. Specific components of the certificate program required for all students are as follows:

1. **A learning contract**, through which students identify ministry goals and concrete objectives to attain them.
2. **Required courses** as noted below.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>B.A. Non-Theology Majors and Certificate Only Students</b>		
Select six of the following:		24
THEO 2100	This Far by Faith - Liberationist Introduction to the New Testament	
THEO 2200 or THEO 2850	Theological Ethics Social Justice: A Theological Perspective	
THEO 2400	Jesus of Nazareth - Christ of Faith	
THEO 2600W	All are Welcome - Church as Beloved Community	
THEO 3020	Pastoral Theology	
THEO 3060	Issues in Pastoral Theology	
<b>B.A. Theology Majors</b>		
Courses for the theology major must include:		
THEO 3020	Pastoral Theology	4
THEO 3060	Issues in Pastoral Theology	4

3. **Theological field education** is a supervised internship in a pastoral setting. As a form of internship, students arrange it in prior consultation with the program coordinator. Registration for the credit is required for students that are only seeking the certificate. Students seeking a bachelor's degree are not required to register for credit but must complete an approved ministry practicum experience within their time of study.
4. **The ministry portfolio**, through which students demonstrate professional skills and an integrated understanding of their personal role in ministry.