



**Advanced Studies Certificate in Christian Education and Practical Theology**  
2024-2027 Completion Plan

***Christian Theology (15 credits)***

BT 403: Introduction to Ancient Theology (3) \*\*  
BT 405: Introduction to Reformation Theology (3) ^  
BT 415: Introduction to Contemporary Theology (3) ^  
BT 422: Introduction to Dogmatic Theology (3) \*\*  
BT 431: Biblical Theology of Marriage and Family (3) \*\*

***Christian Education (15 credits)***

MI 469: Christian K-12 School Leadership, Organization, and Administration (3) \*\*  
MI 469: Assessment and Evaluation of Christian Education (3) ^  
MI 470: Creating Positive Christian Classroom Environments (3) ^  
MI 472: Christian Education for Special Needs (3) ^  
MI 474: Integrating Technology in Christian Education (3) ^

***Practical Ministry (15 credits)***

MI 465: Urban and Suburban Church Planting (3) \*\*  
MI 480: Advanced Preaching (3) ^  
MI 465: Ministering to Addictions and Co-Occurring Disorders (3) ^  
MI 470: Discipleship & Small Group Ministries (3) ^  
475: Contemporary Evangelism (3) \*\*

**Electives (15 credits)**

**Total Credits: 60**

**Program-Specific Admission Requirements**

**1. Ministry Service Experience and/or Prior Theological Education**

- Prospective students must have at least two years of ministry service experience or have completed prior theological and/or educational coursework. This coursework should include subjects such as homiletics, hermeneutics, and either systematic theology or studies in the New and Old Testament, or a combination thereof. Prospective students with a bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited university in a field other than theology, ministry, or related programs are exempt from this requirement.

**2. Admissions Virtual Interview**

- Applicants must schedule and complete an admissions virtual interview with the college.

**3. Provisional Admission**

- All students will receive provisional admission upon acceptance into the program until they complete one of the following courses with a grade of C or higher: AS 100: Success Strategies

for Online Learning (3 credits) or GE 100T: Success Strategies for Online Theological Learning (3 credits). Transfer students from an AETH certified institution or a nationally or regionally accredited university program may request a waiver for AS 100 or GE 100T.

### **Graduation Requirements**

- Achieve a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.3 or higher
- Successfully complete the HGCC Bible & Theology Standardized Exam (TS), consisting of a 45-minute assessment comprising 30 multiple-choice questions
- Successfully complete the HGCC Ministry Ethics Standardized Exam (MES), comprising a 45-minute assessment with 30 multiple-choice questions
- Submit a request for approval of certificate conferral to the registrar's office

### **Program Learning Outcomes**

1. Demonstrate fundamental knowledge of Christian theology for practical ministry application.
2. Demonstrate foundational knowledge to proficiently administer K-12 Christian educational programs within the local church.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in analyzing traditional and contemporary theological perspectives on sex roles within marriage and ministry and their reciprocal implications for marital dynamics, congregations, and broader society.

**\* = Required for HGCC**

**\*\* = Must be taken at HGCC**

**^ = Can be replaced by equivalent courses within the same discipline or category subject to HGCC approval**

**Not all courses listed are required. Students are offered several options to meet graduation requirements.**

**Program Specific Transfer Policy:** Students are eligible to transfer a maximum of 30 credits from reputable Bible institutes or nationally or regionally accredited universities, subject to approval based on the relevance and equivalence of the coursework to the program's curriculum.