

Three Year Cycle of Courses

Pastoral Ministry, Lay Ministry and Teaching Certificate Programs

All Dates Subject to Change.	2015	2016	2017
January-February (Six-Week Class)	(B-01) Old Testament I January 6, 2015	(B-03) New Testament I	(T-01) Theology I
February-March (Six-Week Class)	(B-02) Old Testament II February 24, 2015	(B-04) New Testament II	(T-02) Theology II
March/April (One-Day Class)	(E-05) Weddings and Funerals April 25, 2015	(E-03) Worship and Music	(E-04) Hospital Ministry
April/May-June (Six-Week Class)	(M-02) Discipleship Essentials (formerly Discipleship Training) April 28, 2015	(H-01) Church History	(M-01) Communicating God's Word (formerly Sermon and Lesson Prep.)
June (One-Day Class)	(E-06) Baptism and Communion June 13, 2015	(E-01) Baptist Polity	(E-02) WV Baptist History
August (One-Day Class)	(Mod-6) Evangelism August 15, 2015	(Mod-4) Making Peace (formerly Conflict Management)	(Mod-5) Community Ministry
September-October (Six-Week Class)	(M-05) Leading People (formerly Church Administration and Leadership) September 1, 2015	(M-03) Teacher Training Now a six-week class!	(M-04) Caring for People (formerly Intro. to Pastoral Care)
October (One-Day Class)	(Mod-3) Intro to Missions October 24, 2015	(Mod-1) Creating Community	(Mod-2) Ministerial Ethics

Six-week classes are held in various locations throughout the state and one-day classes will be held at our Parchment Valley Conference Center in Ripley.

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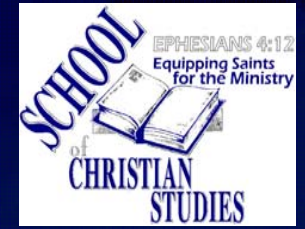
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The West Virginia Baptist Convention School of Christian Studies

The mission of the West Virginia Baptist Convention School of Christian Studies is to bring honor and glory to God, by developing quality church leaders, through training that will help them grow in spiritual maturity, biblical knowledge and ministry skills.



A Training Program That...

- HAS AN AFFORDABLE TUITION
- ALLOWS YOU TO LEARN WHILE YOU SERVE
- IS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE OF YOUR HOME
- IS TRUE TO OUR WEST VIRGINIA BAPTIST HERITAGE
- MEETS THE LEADERSHIP NEEDS OF WEST VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONVENTION CHURCHES

A Training Program For...

- ANY PERSON INTERESTED IN EXPANDING THEIR SPIRITUAL MATURITY, BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE AND MINISTRY SKILLS
- LAY LEADERS AND TEACHERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
- PASTORS OF WEST VIRGINIA BAPTIST CONVENTION CHURCHES

"Training Christian Leaders for the Church of the 21st Century"

Thank you for your interest in the School of Christian Studies!

Did you know nearly 75% of West Virginia Baptist Convention churches are served by bivocational pastors? For a variety of reasons, many of these pastors have not had the opportunity to seek more traditional training. This school is not to be considered a substitute for traditional training, but rather an alternative training program.

The School of Christian Studies is a ministry training program made to bring honor and glory to God, by developing quality church leaders, through training that will help them grow in spiritual maturity, biblical knowledge and ministry skills.

The West Virginia Baptist Convention School of Christian Studies is open to all persons. Anyone may take course(s) for their own general improvement. It is not necessary to be a teacher, youth worker or pastor to benefit from a course of study.

Six Study Programs / Three-Year Cycle

The School of Christian Studies has six programs of study taught over a three-year period. (Please see the charts at right for more information.) The number of courses required for your program of study may or may not require you to attend all classes held each year.

Courses Offered Per Year

Eight courses are offered each year: four six-week courses (12 hours each), taught in January, February, May and September; two elective one-day courses (four hours each), taught in April and June; and two module one-day courses (six hours each), taught in August and October.

Locations

Six week classes are held in at least 10 different locations around the state. All elective and module classes are held at our Parchment Valley Conference Center in Ripley, West Virginia.

Recognition

While the school carries no college or seminary credit, it does, however, provide creditable training within the West Virginia Baptist Convention family. The Committee on Ministerial Standing has endorsed the *Diploma in Pastoral Ministry* as fulfilling the minimal education requirements for state accreditation of ordination.

Classes for Credit

If you wish to take classes for credit, you must fill out an application for admission, choose a ministry track and pay the full class fee. If you choose a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, we must have a copy of your high school or college diploma.

Credit/Audit Fees

Six-week courses for credit are \$40.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple, plus the cost of the text and shipping. One-day courses for

credit are \$32.00 per person/\$42.00 per couple, plus the cost of the text and shipping. You may audit courses at a reduced rate.

When to Begin

You may begin taking courses at any time, as long as it is at the beginning of a class.

Youth and Children's Program Update

As of 2014, the Youth and Children's Ministry Programs are on hold. For more information, contact the secretarial assistant, Donna, at snyder@wvbc.org, 800.879.9822 or visit www.wvbc.org and click on the School of Christian Studies' link under Ministries.

✠ <i>Diploma in Pastoral Ministry</i> 204 hours of study in the following areas:			
BIBLICAL Studies	THEOLOGICAL Studies	HISTORICAL and MINISTRY Studies	MODULES and ELECTIVES
48 HOURS	24 HOURS	72 HOURS	60 HOURS

✠ <i>Teaching Certificate</i> 142 hours of study in the following areas:			
BIBLICAL Studies	THEOLOGICAL Studies	MINISTRY Studies	MODULES and ELECTIVES
48 HOURS	24 HOURS	48 HOURS	22 HOURS

✠ <i>Certificate in Lay Ministry</i> 168 hours of study in the following areas:			
BIBLICAL Studies	THEOLOGICAL Studies	HISTORICAL and MINISTRY Studies	MODULES & ELECTIVES
48 HOURS	24 HOURS	48 HOURS	48 HOURS

✠ <i>Certificate in General Studies</i> 130 hours of study from any combination of courses you choose.			
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✠ <i>Certificate in Youth Ministry</i> 162 hours of study in the following areas:			
BIBLICAL Studies	THEOLOGICAL Studies	HISTORICAL and MINISTRY Studies	MODULES and ELECTIVES
48 HOURS	24 HOURS	48 HOURS	42 HOURS

✠ <i>Certificate in Children's Ministry</i> 162 hours of study in the following areas:			
BIBLICAL Studies	THEOLOGICAL Studies	HISTORICAL and MINISTRY Studies	MODULES and ELECTIVES
48 HOURS	24 HOURS	48 HOURS	42 HOURS

If you would like more information about the School of Christian Studies:

Please mark all that apply, complete the name and address portion, add a stamp to the front and mail.

- Please put me on your MAILING LIST to receive information on all upcoming classes.
- Please send me an ENROLLMENT FORM.
- Please send me a CYCLE OF COURSES.
- Please send me a CATALOG.
- Please send me an ENROLLMENT PACKET. (Contains all of the items listed above.)
- Other _____

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

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State: _____

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If you have any questions, please contact Donna, School of Christian Studies' secretarial assistant, at snyder@wvbc.org or 800.879.9822.

Thank you for your interest in the School of Christian Studies.

May God Bless You as You Continue to Serve Him.

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