

Certificate in General Studies

I. PURPOSE

A. For those who do not wish to choose a more specialized area of study. Credit may also apply to events or other special training offered by the convention. If School of Christian Studies credit can be given for a special event or training session, it will be announced to students.

II. PROGRAM OF STUDY (130 hours of classroom study from any combination of classes you choose.)

Core Courses

Biblical Studies (48 hours)

- B-01 – Old Testament Survey I (12 hrs.)
- B-02 – Old Testament Survey II (12 hrs.)
- B-03 – New Testament Survey I (12 hrs.)
- B-04 – New Testament Survey II (12 hrs.)

Theological Studies (24 hours)

- T-01 – Christian Theology (12 hrs.)
- T-02 – Christian Theology (12 hrs.)

Regular Courses

Historical Studies (12 hours)

- H-01 – Church History (12 hrs.)

Ministry Studies (60 hours)

- M-01 – Communicating God’s Word (formerly Sermon and Lesson Preparation) (12 hrs.)
- M-02 – Discipleship Essentials (formerly Discipleship Training) (12 hrs.)
- M-03 – Teacher Training (12 hrs.)
- M-04 – Caring for People (formerly Introduction to Pastoral Care) (12 hrs.)
- M-05 – Leading People (formerly Church Administration and Leadership) (12 hrs.)

Elective Courses –

- E-01 – Baptist Polity (4 hrs.)
- E-02 – West Virginia Baptist History (4 hrs.)
- E-03 – Worship and Music (4 hrs.)
- E-04 – Hospital Ministry (4 hrs.)
- E-05 – Funerals and Weddings (4 hrs.)
- E-06 – Baptism and Communion (4 hrs.)

Module Courses –

- Mod 1 – Creating Community (6 hrs.)
- Mod 2 – Ministerial Ethics (6 hrs.)
- Mod 3 – Introduction to Missions (6 hrs.)
- Mod 4 – Making Peace (formerly Conflict Management) (6 hrs.)
- Mod 5 – Community Ministry (6 hrs.)
- Mod 6 – Evangelism (6 hrs.)

III. PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATION

- A. Satisfactory completion of required courses.
- B. All fees for registration and textbooks paid in full.