

Certificate in Lay Ministry

I. PURPOSE

- A. To provide educational opportunity for lay persons to enhance personal growth and development in biblical, theological and ministry skills for service in their local church.
- B. To equip lay persons with the knowledge to do pulpit supply and interim ministry.

II. PROGRAM OF STUDY (168 hours of classroom study)

Core Courses – Required courses for all students. 72 hours

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 – Select M-03 Teacher Training and any other three from the Historical or Ministry Studies. 48 hours

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.)

* Lab time is in addition to class time.

** Required.

Elective Courses – Select any three of the following. 12 hours

- 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 – Weddings and Funerals (4 hrs.)
- E-06 – Baptism and Communion (4 hrs.)

Module Courses – 36 hours

- 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.

NOTE: This program satisfies the educational requirements of the American Baptist Men of West Virginia's Lay Preacher Program.