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Basic Certificate Requirements

Certificate Program 2017



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Basic Biblical Studies

GBC121 - Basic Bible Doctrine.....
NTB111 - New Testament Survey
OTB001 - Old Testament Survey 1.....
GBC125 - Key Chapters.....
SSC703 - Church History NTB114 - Revelation.....

Basic Leadership Training

GBC121 - Basic Bible Doctrine.....
NTB111 - New Testament Survey.....
OTB001 - Old Testament Survey 1.....

Basic Christian Chaplain Ministry

GBC121 - Basic Bible Doctrine.....
GBC122 - Bible and Prayer.....
CMC402 - Jail Ministry.....
CCS315 - Counseling from the Scripture.....
OTB001 - Old Testament Survey 1.....
CCS319 - The Bible & Emotional Health.....

Basic Pastoral Training

GBC121 - Basic Bible Doctrine.....
NTB111 New Testament Survey.....
OTB001 Old Testament Survey 1.....
CMC405 - Your Calling, Passion & Purpose.....
GBC128 - Bible Study Methods.....
GBC134 - Basic Theology.....

Christian Home School Teacher

GBC121 - Basic Bible Doctrine.....
SCS701 - Bible and Science.....
CEC409 - Character Development.....
CCS317 - Laws of Teaching and Learning.....
CEC406 - Learning Styles.....
CEC401 - The Christian Teacher.....

Evangelism & Missions Ministry

GBC121 - Basic Bible Doctrine.....
EMC502 - Biblical Basis of Missions.....
CMC402 - Jail Ministry.....

Advanced Certificate Requirements

Certificate Program 2017



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Biblical Studies II

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OTB008-Christ in the Tabernacle.....
SCS701 - Bible and Science
NTB119-Book of Hebrews.....
NTB118 -Seven Churches of Revelation.....
NTB112-Epistles of John & Jude.....

Leadership Training II

OTB002 - Old Testament Survey 2.....
GBC122 - Bible and Prayer.....
GBC135 - Discipleship Training.....

Christian Chaplain Ministry

NTB111-New Testament Survey.....
CCS320 - Handling Adversity.....
OTB002-Old Testament Survey 2.....
CCS317 - Competence in Counseling.....
CCS314 - Counseling the Bereaved.....
CCS311 - Overcoming Obstacles.....

Pastoral Training II

OTB002 - Old Testament Survey 2.....
CMC403 - Church Management.....
CMC401 - Spiritual Leadership.....
GBC135 - Discipleship Training.....
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CEC408 - Christ, the Teacher.....

Christian School Teacher

GBC121 - Basic Bible Doctrine.....
NTB111 - New Testament Survey.....
CEC407 Controversial Truths.....
CCS317 - Laws of Teaching and Learning.....
CEC404 - Reclaiming the Christian School.....
CEC401 - The Christian Teacher.....

Evangelism & Missions Ministry II

GBC121 - Basic Bible Doctrine.....
EMC502 - Biblical Basis of Missions.....
CMC402 - Jail Ministry.....

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



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GENERAL BIBLE COURSES

GBC129 — Joy in Your Life

Has life got you down? Are you feeling overwhelmed? We know that the joy of the Lord is the Christian's strength, but sometimes it seems so illusive. This course offers timeless, Biblical teaching from Vance Havner and Charles Spurgeon. Learn how to receive, keep and share an abiding joy that will remain despite the struggles and trials of daily living.

GBC130—Eternal Security

Can salvation be lost or is it truly eternal? This course provides the believer with comprehensive Biblical teaching on such issues as assurance, doubts, the "unpardonable sin", "grace vs. works" and more. Charles Stanley and Curtis Hutson lay out the teaching that could revolutionize the joy of your faith. A Biblical understanding of this topic will give the minister a powerful evangelistic and disciple-making tool.

GBC131—Christian Living

What really counts in the Christian's life? A believer's walk can become sidetracked by the tyranny of each day's needs. This course is a practical guide to Christian living. It aims to bring focus on what matters most in life and what doesn't. Topics covered include the future, worship, the church, God's word, relationships, significance, work and career, money, health and much more. Lessons and advice taken directly from the Bible. Anecdotes and personal reflection make this an enjoyable course.

GBC132—Listening to God

God wants to communicate with us! But often the clamor of many other voices leave us confused and frustrated. In this practical course, Dr. Charles Stanley shows us what the Bible says about how to distinguish God's voice from the others. Your relationship and attitude to God can be free from distortion. Learn to listen to the God who wants to speak to you.

GBC133—Bible Times and Customs

Knowing Oriental manners and customs is basic to understanding the Bible. This course deals with subjects such as customs at mealtime, education of youth, trades and professions, customs regarding marriage and property, along with many more.

GBC134—Basic Theology

What is Theology? Who is the God of the Bible? Is He actively involved in today's world? Does He know all about me? What does the Bible say about the Trinity? This course gives scriptural answers to these and other questions, using the insight of R.A. Torrey and others.

GBC135—America in Bible Prophecy

What does the Bible tell us about the role of the United States in the end times? In this course, Mark Hitchcock addresses the hottest questions on America in Bible prophecy.

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NEW TESTAMENT

NTB119—Book of Hebrews

The epistle to the Hebrews is a book we desperately need today! Penned at a politically unstable time, Hebrews targets believers who were tempted to abandon their faith and slip back into the rules and regulations of Judaism. In our politically unstable day of “wars and rumors of wars”, we can all understand the quest for stability. But there is only one true Source of rock-solid security. Christ came as the perfect spotless Lamb to atone for sin once and for all. In this course, Warren W. Wiersbe shows that we can be confident if we will focus on the true power and reality of the One who is preeminent above all.

NTB120—I Corinthians

The study of this New Testament epistle will help believers discern the difference between man’s knowledge and God’s wisdom. In his commentary, Warren Wiersbe points out that Corinth was not much different from our world today; it was populous, proud, prosperous, philosophical and polluted. And the Corinthian church had its share of problems, but God in His wisdom had the answer...just as He does for us today!

NTB121—Gospel of Mark

J.Vernon McGee is quoted as saying, “There is probably more content in the first chapter of Mark than any other chapter in the Bible.” Mark reveals that in spite of Jesus’ busy life, He took time to pray. This verse by verse, chapter by chapter exploration spans Mark’s recounting of the prophecies of Isaiah and Malachi through John the Baptist ending with the Resurrection of Jesus. Have you studied this Gospel?

NT B122—1 & 2 Thessalonians

In this course, Warren W. Wiersbe shows how a study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians provides both prophetic and practical lessons. The focus in these books is not on what the return of Jesus Christ will mean to us in the future. Rather, it is on how this subject can be a dynamic in our lives and in the ministry of our churches today.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CEC401—Laws of Teaching and Learning

This course is designed for every parent, teacher, pastor, leader, coach, or mentor. This course outlines seven proven, easy-to-grasp principles developed by Dr. Howard Hendricks. Learn to teach with power and passion. Teaching techniques aimed at changing lives.

CEC402 —Directing Christian Education

This course offers valuable insight from three Christian leaders on how to master the ministry of teaching in today's church. As you study this material, God will show you ways to be a better teacher and/or director of other teachers in the ministry God has given you.

CEC403—Family Financial Management

Based on the research of Larry Burkett, this practical course deals with Biblical principles of managing money in the home. Attention is given to the proper attitude toward finances, the church and money, insurance and investing, borrowing and lending, and business ethics.

CEC404—Reclaiming the Christian School

Genuine Christian education begins and ends with God's word—Jesus, the living word and the Bible, the written word. This course focuses on practical ways for a Christian school to return to the roots of authentic Christian education. It is packed with useful ideas for new and existing schools to be an extension of the Christian home in training children in all areas of their lives.

CEC405—5 Love Languages of Children

Kids desperately need to know how much you love them. But if you don't know their special "love languages," you might as well be speaking gibberish. Useful guidance for parents and teachers on how to help meet the deepest emotional needs of children. Discover how to express unconditional feelings of respect, affection and commitment that will resonate in their souls - and inspire them for the rest of their lives. Based on the best-selling work by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell.

CEC406—Learning Styles

Effective teaching begins with knowing the student's learning style. Once understood, parents and teachers can become far more effective in helping children grasp confusing concepts, stay interested in lessons, and utilize their strengths. Study the five learning styles: how the mind works, ideal study environments, strategies for remembering, learning and study skills, and areas of intelligence.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CEC407—Controversial Truths

Jesus Christ, the Holy Bible, and religion are openly, and hotly debated in the public square today. Everyone has their own version of truth and faith. What is truth? What can today's Christian believe? Dr. Robert Jeffress walks you through seven foundational, but controversial doctrines of the Bible. This course will feed your soul. Your confidence in God will increase. The lessons learned will return the joy of your faith as you become comfortable with God's absolute truth. The coming days will continue to see an increase in spiritual teaching. Know what is truth and what is false.

CEC409—Character Development

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. said, "Your character is what God knows you to be; your reputation is what men think you are." Abraham Lincoln put it this way: "Character is like a tree and reputation is like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing." This dynamic study concentrates on the Biblical attributes, attitudes, and actions of a maturing Christian; and how one may obtain them.

CEC408—Christ, the Teacher

In every respect Jesus was the ideal teacher. He presented unique teaching that caused people to recognize something was different. This course delivers an analytical study of teaching techniques used by Jesus. Learn how Jesus used the lecture method, how He captured interest, used illustrations and paradoxes, even asking questions, making commendations and rebukes, that produced disciples.

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PASTORAL MINISTRIES

PMC901—Sermon Preparation

Preaching is the proclamation of the Good News of salvation; the very truth of God through man to men. The preacher is separated by God for the specific work of preaching the Gospel. Every message the preacher delivers ought to be stamped with his own personality and expressed in his own way. Take this close examination of expository preaching with emphasis on the preparation, process, and organization needed to prepare effective sermons.

PMC902—Pastoral Ministry

This course represents an incisive, introductory examination of the nuts and bolts of pastoral ministry. Based on the research of two well-known “Pastor’s pastors,” (Howard R. Sugden and Warren W. Wiersbe), it answers questions covering every aspect of ministry with tried and true advice. Topics include the call to ministry or a new church, meeting with the pulpit committee, getting a new pastorate off the ground, starting a building program, counseling concerning divorce and remarriage, deaths and funerals, dealing with problem people, budgeting time and finances, personal matters, and much more.

PMC903—Mastering Pastoral Counseling

There is likely no stickier area of pastoral ministry than counseling. Traps abound. Mistakes will be made. The counseling pastor is in great demand today. How can a devoted pastor combine Biblical teaching with the counseling touch? Archibald D. Hart, Gary L. Gulbranson, and Jim Smith combine decades of experience in pastoral counseling to give the student a wealth of godly wisdom. “The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever”. (Psalm 33:11).

PMC904—Biblical Leadership

In this dynamic study, John MacArthur teaches us the spiritual (and practical) leadership principles that Paul learned from the Lord, and then modeled for us. The Bible makes it clear that character—not style, not technique, not methodology, but character—is the true biblical test of all great leadership, in the church and out.

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CHURCH MINISTRIES

CMC401—Spiritual Leadership

God's church has never had a greater need for divinely-empowered leaders! These classic studies by Oswald Sanders and R.A. Torrey are recognized by many of today's Christian leaders as the foremost works on this subject. They plainly convey how spiritual leaders may obtain God's wisdom and power to serve Him effectively.

CMC402—Jail Ministry

More than one in every 100 American adults is in jail or prison. With more than 2.3 million people behind bars they represent a large and captive population for ministry. Covering various aspects of ministering to inmates in prison or jail this course includes preparation, do's and don'ts, types of ministries, reaching the correctional officers, and involving others. Jail ministry is often the catalyst for church growth. Are you called inside to free the captives?

CMC403—Church Management

Faith, Theology, and Calling are assumed necessities for a pastor. However, pastoral effectiveness is often hampered by inferior skills in church management. In this course, pastors Don Cousins, Leith Anderson, and Arthur DKrueyer share decades of experience—victories and mistakes—that will help the Christian leader who desires to master church management. "And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do." Ex 18:20

CMC404—Effective Women's Ministries

In this course, Jill Briscoe, Laurie Katz McIntyre and Beth Seversen share tips and techniques for establishing groups and programs that meet the needs of today's women. The book shows how to develop programs that are specifically tailored to your church and your community.

CMC405—Your Calling, Passion & Purpose

How are you? Christian motivational author Zig Ziglar would answer, "Better than good!" Learn the three "P's" of an inspired life: Passion, Peak-performance, Purpose. You have a call. Are you willing to hear it? Making life count is not so much about what you do as how you do it. And why. Equipped ministers know their spiritual purpose in life and God's calling on their life. They understand for Whom they live and breathe. It's time to get motivated for these last days. Endurance and perseverance will follow. Clear your mind of failure-prone thinking. Redefine your understanding of success and walk in victory.

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CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

CCS310—The Gift of Forgiveness

In this course Dr. Charles Stanley shares the specifics of how to receive God's forgiveness, and addresses such issues as how to practice a life of forgiveness in terms of relationships and how to make forgiveness an ongoing, practical experience. Helping others deal with unforgiveness and bitterness is one of the most important tasks Christian counselors face today.

CCS311—Overcoming Obstacles

Every believer has "giants" that need to be conquered in their lives. Dr. David Jeremiah challenges us to stand valiantly and seek God's power to slay these giants. This course weaves gripping, real-life stories of contemporary giant slayers who came face-to-face with their own Goliaths: temptation, doubt, procrastination, and jealousy. In each, you will discover afresh the eternal unwavering promise of God to overcome those giants.

CCS312—The Five Love Languages

In this course, Dr. Gary Chapman discusses five languages that married couples can use to express heartfelt communication to their mates—and how to learn which of these languages your mate will best understand. Incredible insight from Scripture that can help your own marriage and that of any couple you counsel.

CCS313—Success God's Way

Can success and a godly life truly be reconciled? Yes! God desires for His people to be successful and He is committed to helping His people become successful. True principles of success are only those based upon God's Word. Dr. Charles Stanley discusses Biblical truths for achieving true contentment and purpose in life.

CCS314—Counseling the Bereaved

"Ministering to the grief of those left behind following the death of a loved one is never an easy task. Our world is growing more complicated, the challenges are becoming greater, and the situations people face, more intense." This practical course uses insight from Warren and David Wiersbe to provide a comprehensive and scriptural resource for pastors and church leaders who counsel people who mourn. It shows how to comfort people through the grieving process and how to minister in a wide variety of situations to those who are dealing with death.

CCS315—Principles of Spiritual Growth

The aim of this course is to carefully bring out important principles of spiritual growth. The student will learn how to build upon a sound biblical foundation in Christ. Being filled with the Holy Spirit: What it is, What it is not, What it will do for you, How you may have it. You'll be inspired by this practical study of various aspects of the Christian life by outstanding servants of God, such as Miles Stanford, E. J. Daniels and Ruth Paxon.

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CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

CCS316—Marriage Counseling

A course designed to help counselors give good Biblical advice for couples having problems with their relationships. Emphasis is given to the goal of marriage, the meeting of personal needs, and the foundational building blocks for an enduring and successful marriage.

CCS317—Competence in Counseling

Can counseling that uses the secular principles of Freud or Rogerian methods be truly competent? No. Counseling can only be competent if Jesus is at the center of Biblically directed discussions. The Holy Spirit is the one who brings about change in the personality and behavior of the counselee. Learn of the nouthetic counseling approach as taught by Dr. Jay Adams. Christian counseling is dramatically different from secular counseling or psychiatry.

CCS318—God's Strength for Life's Journey

What do you do with the bumps on the path of life? Climb on them. God doesn't remove the stones and straighten the path because the bumps are what you can climb on! If you are carrying emotional baggage, you'll need to set it down to climb. Else it will weigh you down with guilt, pain, and inner suffering. Emotional baggage becomes bondage. Jesus came to proclaim liberty to the captives and set at liberty those who are oppressed. Learn how to receive and use God's strength for the journey of life. Become equipped to guide others in their discovery of liberty in Christ. Dr. Charles Stanley and Warren Wiersbe divide the Biblical principles for this course.

CCS319—The Bible & Emotional Health

We live in a day when both believers and unbelievers are crying out for healing of their damaged emotions. Whether through our own fallen temperament, willful disobedience, or as victims of the hurtful actions of others, many people struggle with crippling emotions like guilt, perfectionism, depression and low self-worth. In this course, David Seamands' classic work is used to present a realistic, Scriptural approach that can bring emotional healing for us, and to provide a useful tool for the counselor to help in the emotional healing of fellow strugglers. In addition, Craig Massey's Bible study on Romans 7 helps us to understand the war that is being fought within each Christian in his examination of the two natures. He shows that believers must learn to adjust, or they will self-destruct.

CCS320—Handling Adversity

This course is based on *How to Handle Adversity* by Charles Stanley. When troubles come, we usually ask why. But the more significant question is "How should I respond?" This course can help you personally and can provide a Biblical resource for you in counseling with others.

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EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

EMC501—Child Evangelism

Any Christian can lead a child to Christ! It is a unique opportunity given by the Holy Spirit. A little child can believe in Christ. Some say he can't; Jesus says he can. It is easier to win a child than to win an adult. People saved while a child have a much greater chance of a lifetime of service for the Lord. Discover effective ways to gently point children toward Christ and the salvation He offers.

EMC502—Biblical Basis of Missions

The Biblical basis of missions is much deeper than the Great Commission Bible verse. Matthew 29:18-19 is one of the most widely used church mission statements. But what of the actual involvement in missions by the church members? Does the Bible have more to teach about missions? Certainly. Dr. Robert Glover's classic work gives attention to a wide range of missionary subjects ranging from intercessory prayer to world evangelism.

SCIENCE

SCS701—Bible and Science

Based on research by Henry Morris, this study covers the harmony between science and the Bible, the problem with the theory of evolution, the validity of the flood, Biblical archaeology, and scientific insights into prophecy.

SCS702—The Battle for the Beginning

Based on John MacArthur's book by the same title, this eye-opening course deals with creation, evolution and the Bible. It vividly shows how the very foundations of our faith depend on the literal truth of the first three chapters of Genesis.

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

BLC101—Intro. to Greek Word Studies

Why study Greek? The purpose of this course is to show the riches of the Greek New Testament and to provide spiritual food and help to those who study the Bible. This study demonstrates that the student can discover richer meaning in Scripture from the Greek language.

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SOCIAL STUDIES

SSC701—God in American History

Is America a Christian Nation? There is much discourse in the public square over this topic. What are the facts? A view of history that proves our American heritage is a Christian heritage. This course shows, based on extensive research, the close relationship between God and the founding and development of our country.

SSC703—Church History

A unique study of the fascinating men and women who lived and died standing for God's truth in the development of His churches, from the days of Christ to the modern era.

SSC702—Christian America

What if America were a Christian nation again? Does God care which party is in Office? Is it time for Christians to "take back our country"? Where do you sit on this debate? Certainly these are provocative questions for individual reflection or group discussion. We live in an over-heated political climate with values contrary to America's Christian heritage. This subject is never far from any gathering's conversation. D. James Kennedy challenges the student with this vibrant topic. "Bench-warmers" beware!



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