

LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE SCHOOL, SONOMA

# COURSE CATALOG 2024-25



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## Letter from the President

Welcome to Lighthouse Bible School Sonoma. I am pleased that you have a desire to know the Word of God. I pray you'll find God's leading in this regard as you explore our school. Lighthouse Bible School is the ministry training arm of Lighthouse Christian Church located in beautiful Sonoma, California.

We strongly believe that Christians everywhere are called by God to demonstrate the Gospel to their generation. Research has shown that the most effective way to do that is to plant a church in their local community, to reach their *ethnos*—their people. So Lighthouse Christian Church of Sonoma intends to do just that, beginning with the California North Bay area.

Our method is simple: Model a victorious Christian lifestyle. In order to do that, we have kept our focus even simpler: We will teach you the Bible, and from that perspective, how to then effectively minister in the power of the Spirit.

It is our sincere desire that every student become a minister of some type. Whether you intend to pursue a life of pastoral ministry, evangelistic exhortation, Bible teaching, or lay ministry within the body of your calling, God has a specific place for you, and we want to help you find it. We're confident that through our program, you can learn to become biblically-minded and professionally competent servants of God to the Body of Christ.

We live at a critical point in history. There has never been a greater need for God's solutions to the world's chaotic cries. And God's solutions always involve His men and women on earth placed in strategic positions of influence. When you join us, you join others who desire to become that kind of leader, with that kind of impact. We invite you to come with us on this journey, and put your heart and spirit to the test to see what God could do through your life as a willing vessel.

In Christ,

Rev. Steven Reyes  
President of Lighthouse Bible School

## Introduction

### Welcome to Lighthouse Bible School

Lighthouse Bible School (LBS) is the biblical training arm of Lighthouse Christian Church, Sonoma. Our mission is to train and develop Christian Leaders who are able to supernaturally demonstrate the Lord Jesus Christ. LBS seeks to gather leaders to the call of God, to train them in the word of God, and then release them into the purpose of God.

Lighthouse Bible School provides training for ministry that is centered upon the Word of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. LBS offers two certificate programs:

Level 1 - Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate

Level 2 – Ministerial Studies Certificate

Graduates who fulfill the requirements for Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate will have met the academic requirements to apply for Licensed Minister status with Lighthouse Christian Church, Sonoma, California and/or The General Council of the Assemblies of God, USA.

### Academic Calendar 2024-25

<b>Fall Semester, 2024</b>		
Aug	19	On-Line Registration Begins
Sept	15	First Week of Classes
Oct	13	Last Day to Drop Classes Without Penalty
Dec	5	Last Week of Classes
Dec	12	Finals Week

<b>Spring Semester, 2025</b>		
Feb	9	On-Line Registration Begins
Mar	2	First Week of Classes
Mar	30	Last Day to Drop Classes Without Penalty
May	18	Last Week of Classes
May	25	Finals Week

## General Information

### LBS Mission

The mission of LBS is to train and develop Christian leaders who are able to supernaturally demonstrate the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This mission is consistent with the mission of Lighthouse Christian Church. (Matt 28:19-20, Mk 16:15-18) LBS seeks to gather leaders to the call of God, to train them in the Word of God, and then to release them into the purpose of God.

LBS is committed to providing quality training in both Biblical and ministerial studies. As affiliates of the Assemblies of God, Northern California District, LBS embraces the Assemblies doctrinal statements of

truth and traditional Pentecostal heritage of a Spirit empowered life and ministry. As the training arm of Lighthouse Christian Church, Sonoma, LBS exists to prepare Christian leaders to become certified ministers who preach the gospel in the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **LBS Core Values**

The core values of LBS serve to provide a foundation and guide for instruction in both Christian faith and practice. The core values embody the vision and mission of the school. LBS seeks to provide an educational experience that is marked by the pursuit of truth, the cultivation of honor and virtue and the fulfillment of the call to serve.

#### **The three core values of LBS are:**

**Truth:** We demonstrate the truth by knowing Jesus Christ who is the Truth. The Scriptures are the revelation of Jesus Christ as the truth. The Scriptures are the authoritative standard of truth for all Christian faith and practice. The Scriptures govern how we think, learn, live and serve. (Jn 1:17, Jn 14:6, 2 Tim 3:16)

**Integrity:** We exist to honor Jesus Christ by conducting our lifestyles in moral and spiritual excellence. (2 Tim 2:21, Titus 2:3-7, 2Pe 1:5-8)

**Service:** We give our lives to serve Jesus Christ and His call empowered by the Holy Spirit to supernaturally demonstrate the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Jn 13:34-35, Col 1:9-11; Mk 16:15-18)

### **LBS Statement of Fundamental Truths**

The statement of fundamental truths listed below is intended to be a basis of fellowship and voluntary cooperation. The list is derived from the official Assemblies of God Statement of Fundamental Truths which represent the nonnegotiable tenants of faith that all Assemblies of God institutions adhere to. This statement does not claim to contain all Biblical Truth, but the irreducible minimum for all full Gospel ministry. Thus, this statement of faith is essential because it provides an explanation of our understanding of what the Bible teaches, and thereby provides the framework in which our curriculum and instruction occurs. To demonstrate agreement with the Statement of Fundamental Truths, each student will sign a form that declares their commitment to these truths as the foundation for all Christian faith and practice.

#### **The Scriptures**

We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the infallible revelation of God to man, serving as our all sufficient rule for faith and practice.

#### **Nature of God**

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ was sent of God, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and came into the world as Savior for man's redemption.

### **Incarnation**

When Christ came to the earth in the incarnation, God's Life was housed in a body prepared by Mary. He was tested by the devil in every aspect of human life, crucified, resurrected, ascended to the Father and was glorified as the incorruptible seed, the Word of God (1 Peter 1:23). This seed of Life is what is planted into the dead spirits of men by the miracle of the new birth.

### **Atonement**

Man was created in the image of God and became alienated from God through Adam's sin. The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world, died for our sins according to the Scripture, giving His Life a sacrifice and shedding His Blood. Being reconciled by His death, the saving Life of Jesus Christ becomes the new nature that is to be fed and developed by the Holy Spirit in each Christian (Romans 5:10).

### **Baptism**

We believe in the ordinance of baptism by immersion as commanded in the Scriptures by our LORD for all believers, to appropriate their death with Christ on Calvary and rise with Him in newness of life.

### **Resurrection and Return of Christ**

We believe Christ arose from the dead with a glorified body, ascended into heaven and is on the right hand of the Father as our Advocate and our High Priest. Three appearances of Christ were ordained in the Divine plan: the first was when he came into the world through the miracle of the incarnation; the second will occur when He returns for those who have received the cleansing of His Blood, the impartation of His Life, and have made themselves ready; the third will be when He returns with His saints to reign on earth for one thousand years.

### **Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Divine Healing**

We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with evidence as in Acts 2:4. We believe that in God's redemption plan for man He has provided through His Son and by the Holy Spirit the miracle of healing for the body, soul and spirit.

### **Final Judgment**

We believe there will be a final judgment in which whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life will be consigned to the lake of fire.

### **Final Purpose**

We believe that God is bringing His Church to completion and expect to see an increasing demonstration of God's supernatural grace and power in meeting human need.

### **Institution Affiliation & Accreditation**

Lighthouse Bible School is the training arm of Lighthouse Christian Church, Sonoma, California. The mission and vision of LBS is consistent with the mission and vision of the church. LBS therefore is intimately and directly affiliated with the local body at Lighthouse, Sonoma.

Lighthouse Christian Church, Sonoma is a sovereign General Council Church of the Assemblies of God, USA. As affiliates, LBS maintains a commitment to uphold, honor and train all students to the principles, doctrines and polity of the Assemblies of God. Therefore, LBS will seek to matriculate their entire

program so that upon completion of the level two certificate program graduates will have met the academic requirements to apply for Licensed Minister status with Lighthouse Christian Church, Sonoma, California and/or The General Council of the Assemblies of God, USA.

Lighthouse Bible School will not seek formal, outside accreditation status at this time. Accrediting organizations have been established to standardize and certify the educational programs of schools and colleges. The primary objective of these organizations is to ensure quality of education and maintenance of high academic standards. We believe the strict regulations in some areas of accreditation will greatly hinder our ability to fulfill the unique call and mission of LBS. Therefore, we desire to protect our liberty to make decisions that will afford the best possible Biblical and ministerial education as an extension of the vision and mission of the local church. LBS will maintain a high level of dedication to the practices and disciplines that embody the high academic, spiritual and ethical standards of these organizations by maintaining direct governance and accountability through the Executive Board of Lighthouse Christian Church.

### **Location**

Lighthouse Bible School offices are located at 170 Andrieux St., Sonoma, California. Classes may be held at any one of our four campuses in the city of Sonoma, Santa Rosa or Guerneville. The city of Sonoma is a rural town located in Sonoma County which is 43 miles from San Francisco and 22 miles from Santa Rosa. Sonoma is “located in the heart of one of the world’s premier wine producing regions, Sonoma is a working town with about 9,500 residents and a rich cultural heritage. The adjacent scenic hills and agricultural valley provide a setting of unparalleled natural beauty. The San Francisco de Solano mission and other historic buildings that surround the central Plaza complement the area’s viticultural prominence and visual beauty to make Sonoma a distinctive and successful tourism destination. The City serves as the economic hub for the rural Sonoma Valley, which has a population of about 39,000.” ([City of Sonoma website](#))

### **Admissions Information**

The acceptance criteria for Lighthouse Bible School are inseparably linked with the mission and goals of the school. LBS desires to admit students whose character, call, values and abilities are in accord with its program and its core values. The application process is designed to determine an individual’s readiness for the academic and ministry demands of the program. The admission process is the first effort to ensure that potential students possess the skills, abilities and character to complete the program.

Acceptance into Lighthouse Bible School is contingent upon the student’s ability to perform and commit to its mission. LBS will not accept any student who is not appropriately committed to a traditional Christian church body.

### **Application Procedure**

1. Complete the online application at [www.lighthousebibleschool.com](http://www.lighthousebibleschool.com).
2. Submit References

All applicants must submit two references. Download the Pastor's Reference and the Friend's Reference forms from the LBS website. After completion of the top section of each form, give the form to the appropriate person with a stamped envelope addressed to Lighthouse Bible School, PO Box 1250, Sonoma CA 94948. References may also be submitted on line or emailed to the Registrar at [registrar@lighthousebibleschool.com](mailto:registrar@lighthousebibleschool.com).

### 3. Write Autobiographical Essay

Applicants must submit an autobiographical essay of 500 words in length, maximum. Be sure to include information about you: salvation experience, current relationship with Jesus Christ; current Christian service, life goals and why you would like to attend LBS. The essay may be either emailed or mailed to the Registrar at the above address.

### 4. Sign an Agreement with our Statement of Fundamental Truths & LBS Leadership Honor Code

Every student must agree to and abide by these truths and code of behavior. These documents become a contractual part of the student's experience at the school.

### 5. Interview

After LBS has received the completed application, prospective Full-Time Internship Students must also schedule an interview with the school Administrator prior to acceptance. Contact the Registrar for an appointment.

## Transcripts

### Academic Transfer Transcripts

By including official transcripts of courses from previously attended college level institutions, transfer students may apply to receive credit for equivalent coursework. Transcripts are evaluated on a course-by-course basis. Approved courses with a grade equivalent of "C-" or better will be transferred and calculated in the student's cumulative GPA. All transcripts should be included with the application for consideration by the administration. LBS administration will notify all applicants of the acceptance of their transfer credits at the time of acceptance of the application. All official transcripts should be sent to Lighthouse Bible School, PO BOX 1250, Sonoma, CA, 95476, Attention: Registrar.

### Transcripts of Completed Coursework

Students may request transcripts for completed course work at LBS by submitting the transcripts form from the LBS website under the admissions tab. Transcripts cost \$5.00 for an on-line copy and \$10.00 for each paper copy. Please allow at least seven days for processing of transcripts.

## Financial Information

Tuition and all related school expenses are published prior to each new year so that proper financial preparations may be made. All educational expenses are the responsibility of the student. LBS reserves the right to change tuition, fees, and/or charges without advance notice, should conditions so warrant.

Students once accepted may audit classes. All tuition requirement apply to class audits as well.

### **Tuition & Fee Schedule**

Registration Fee	\$ 50.00 per semester
Full-time Tuition	\$450.00 per semester
Part-time Tuition	\$200.00 per class
Transcript Fee	\$ 10.00 per transcript

### **Tuition & Fee Descriptions**

#### **Registration Fees**

A \$50 registration fee is due at the time of enrollment before the first day of classes during each semester. Registration fees must be paid in full and on time before students may attend class.

#### **Full-Time Tuition**

Full-time tuition costs are \$450 per semester. Students are considered full-time when they are enrolled in three classes per semester and carry 9 units for the Biblical & Theology Studies Certificate or four classes per semester and carry 11 units for the Ministerial Studies Certificate. Full-time students will also enroll in the Practical Ministry courses and be accepted by LBS as interns. Spouses of full-time students may receive a 50% tuition reduction. Students are encouraged to pay all tuition and fees prior to the beginning of classes. In the event of financial hardship, full-time students may apply for a tuition payment plan. A \$50 per semester processing fee will be applied to all tuition payment plans.

#### **Part-Time Tuition**

Part-time tuition costs are \$200 per class per semester. Students are considered part-time when they are enrolled in two or fewer classes and fewer units. Part-time students may not enroll in the Practical Ministry courses except by direct approval by the administration in light of extenuating circumstances and/or prior course work. Courses at Lighthouse Bible School may not be audited.

#### **Transcript Fee**

Transcripts for completed course work at LBS cost \$5.00 for an on-line copy and \$10.00 for each paper copy. Please see "Transcripts" under the "Admissions" tab on our website for more information on transcripts.

#### **Unpaid Accounts**

A student may not register for courses, receive any degree or license, grades, letters of recommendation, or participate in graduation ceremonies until all financial obligations to LBS have been satisfied according to its financial policies.

#### **Withdrawal**

Students finding it necessary to withdraw from the program must contact the Registrar's office. Students are allowed to withdraw within 30 days of the first class without academic or financial penalty. After 30 days, LBS is under no obligation to grant refunds of the total or partial tuition. Students who withdraw after the 30 day mark in a semester may petition the administration in extenuating



circumstances. Failure to follow proper withdrawal procedures will receive a withdrawal/F (WF) and receive zero credits in their courses.

## **Academic Information**

### **Academic Goals**

The mission of LBS is fully realized through the implementation of the academic program. LBS seeks to teach students to know the Bible and train them in supernatural ministry. As such, LBS places equal emphasis on the expression of the Holy Spirit and the preaching of the word of God. Students will rigorously engage in the study of the Bible while at the same time gain practical ministry experience through internship field study courses. The core curriculum encompasses Biblical, theological and ministerial studies reflected in the following goals:

#### **1. Biblical & Theological Scholarship**

Graduates will accurately communicate an understanding of the content of the entire Bible and theological methods that will equip them with a defensible Biblical world view.

#### **2. Practical Ministry Internship Practicum**

Graduates will effectively and accurately communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Institutional Student Outcomes**

LBS has developed 14 specific learning objectives called Institutional Student Outcomes. Graduates must satisfactorily demonstrate that they have fulfilled the objectives in all three areas in order to earn a certificate. The outcomes are a measurement of the success of each graduate in the academic program.

#### **Biblical Studies (BIBL)**

1. Graduates will develop a working knowledge of the entire Bible. Graduates will demonstrate content knowledge of each individual book of the Bible in terms of purpose, structure, theme, theology and its relationship to the rest of the Bible.
2. Graduates will be able to explain the meaning and significance of the Bible's major characters and events as well as the Bible's principal theological themes.

#### **Theological Studies (THEO)**

1. Graduates will identify the major doctrines of the Bible and explain their significance from a traditional Pentecostal perspective.
2. Graduates will accurately interpret the Old and New Testament Scriptures with sensitivity to contextual realities such as geography, history, social and cultural backgrounds.
3. Graduates will accurately apply principals and methods of sound Biblical interpretation.

4. Graduates will explain how classic Christianity has influenced history, philosophy, and humanity in general. Graduates will identify how contemporary global theological thought developed historically from the time of the Early Church.
5. Graduates will develop a comprehensive, defensible, Biblical worldview as a guide and standard for life.
6. Graduates will demonstrate absolute, Biblical truth as the foundation for a Christian worldview in contrast to cultural relativism. Graduates will defend Biblical standards of truth in light of world religions, cultural philosophies, morality and ethics.

### **Practical Ministry (Ministerial Arts) (PMIN)**

1. Graduates will demonstrate value for the Kingdom of God through committed service to the Church both locally and globally.
2. Graduates will influence and mobilize others to accelerate the fulfillment of the Great Commission by the supernatural demonstration of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Graduates will accurately and effectively articulate the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a variety of ministry contexts and cultural expressions.
4. Graduates will employ effective research skills, written and oral communication skills, presentation skills, critical thinking skills, people skills and problem solving.
5. Graduates will identify the major principles of sound ministerial ethics and church governance.
6. Graduates will conduct their lives with Christian maturity by the demonstration of integrity and moral purity, the practice of spiritual disciplines, and the active commitment to the call of God to serve His Kingdom purposes.

### **Certifications**

LBS will grant certifications in accordance with the academic goals of Biblical & Theological Scholarship and Practical Ministry Internship for graduates. LBS Certificate Programs are intended to prepare students for two levels of ministry; credentialed minister and lay ministry roles in the church.

#### **Level 1 - Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate**

- 30 credits in Biblical Studies & Theology
- Fulfills the LBS goal for Biblical and Theological Scholarship.

#### **Level 2 – Ministerial Studies Certificate**

- 44 credits in Biblical studies and practical ministry internship
- Fulfills the LBS goal for both Bible Scholarship and Ministry Practicum.

Graduates who fulfill the requirements for Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate will have met the academic requirements to apply for Licensed Minister status with Lighthouse Christian Church, Sonoma, California and/or The General Council of the Assemblies of God, USA.

### Academic Courses

Lighthouse Bible School offers a two year program broken into four semesters with three classes offered in each semester in Biblical studies, theology and practical ministry. Students may enroll in the program at any point. However, the practical ministry courses must be completed in sequence. For a complete list of courses and course descriptions, please see the end of the catalog.

Fall 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester			Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester		
Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Course No.	Course Title	Credits
01BIBL	Old Testament I	3	02BIBL	Old Testament II	3
05BIBL	Life of Christ	3	06THEO	Acts & Early Church History	3
09THEO	Foundation of Christian Doctrine	3	11PMIN	Foundations of Spiritual Ministry	5
09THEO	Fundamentos de la doctrina cristiana	3	05BIBL	Vida de Cristo	3

Fall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester			Spring 4 <sup>th</sup> Semester		
Course No.	Course Title	Credits	Course No.	Course Title	Credits
03BIBL	Old Testament III	3	04BIBL	Old Testament IV	3
07BIBL	New Testament Letters I	3	08BIBL	New Testament Letters II	3
12PMIN	The Church & the Effective Christian Leader	5	10THEO	Eschatology: Books of Ezekiel, Daniel & Revelation	3
			13PMIN	Assemblies of God, History & Polity (For Certification with AG)	4

### Academic Policies

#### Grading Policy

Students will earn letter grades translated into a numerical value for completed course work. The grade point system will reflect the following scale:

Letter Grade	Grade Scale	Grade Point
A	100-90%	4.0
B	89-80%	3.0
C	79-70%	2.0
D	69-60%	1.0
F	Below 60%	0.0
W	Withdrawal	0.0
I	Incomplete	INC

### **Report Card**

Report Cards as transcripts will be issued at the end of each semester. Report Cards show completed courses with letter grades and a GPA for the current semester. Additionally, the report card may show a “W” for withdrawal from a course and an “I” for incomplete course work. If a student follows the appropriate LBS procedure for withdrawal, the course will not appear on their transcripts and thus not be factored into their GPA. If a student does not follow the Withdrawal procedures, the course will be assigned a 0.0 GPA score. The grade “I” signifies incomplete but satisfactory work. An “I” may be granted by appeal to the Administration for extenuating circumstances. If incomplete work is not made up within one month following the scheduled date of the final exam, the “I” is changed to the grade the student earned, averaging a zero in the place of the missing work.

If an instructor finds it necessary to change a student’s grade for a legitimate reason, a grade change can be issued. A student has up to three months after a grade has been issued to appeal to the instructor for a grade change.

### **Honors**

The Academic Honors list, published following the end of each semester, honors all certificate-seeking students with twelve or more units who have earned a GPA of 3.3 or above for that semester. A GPA of 3.8 or above qualifies as high honors. Official honors status will be based upon their cumulative GPA at the completion of all coursework required for graduation and will be indicated on the permanent transcript and on the certificate. Students must earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to earn any certifications.

### **Academic Integrity**

Each student is responsible to maintain integrity and honesty in all academic work. Lack of integrity evidenced by, but not limited to cheating, plagiarism and/or misrepresentations will be addressed by the LBS administration on a case by case basis in a Biblical, redemptive manner.

### **Attendance**

Regular and punctual class attendance is expected and is essential to optimum academic achievement. Students with more than two class absences in any one course during the semester will be placed on academic probation. Upon the third absence in any one class, students may be disenrolled in that class. Students are responsible for initiating and completing the process of makeup work.

### **Information Sharing Policy**

Lighthouse Bible School allows the recording, compiling, and developing of class information, notes or written collateral for personal use only including the use of AI tools. We do NOT give permission to share, sell or distribute information, notes or collateral for any purpose. Special permission may be given upon request for sharing.

We believe it is illegal, unethical and unspiritual to violate this sharing policy. It is illegal because Lighthouse Bible School retains all copyrights for all materials developed by instructors. It is unethical because copying and sharing ascribes the work of one person to another. It is unspiritual because God requires each person pursue their own revelation upon which to build their ministry.

## **LBS Course Descriptions**

### **Old Testament I**

01BIBL

Old Testament 1 focuses on the study of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. Starting with Genesis, the purpose of this course is to receive God's revelation of Himself by studying His character and nature. Through examining God's revelation in His creation and the lives of the Hebrew Patriarchs, students gain insight into His eternal plan of redemption; covenantal dealings with Israel; and the significance of themes such as the fall of mankind from God's original intention and the Law of Moses. These spiritual truths and revelations from the Pentateuch serve as the foundational lens through which we accurately interpret and apply the entire Bible in the lives of Christian believers today. Completion of this course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and the Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

### **Old Testament II**

02BIBL

Old Testament II is a study of the 9 historical books of the Old Testament from Joshua through 2 Chronicles. The course is a study of Israel's developing national identity from theocracy to monarchy. The course will emphasize God's dealings with Israel from rejection of theocracy to the formation and later decline of the monarchy. The course follows the biblical emphasis on developing monarchy as the Messiah's royal lineage and the priesthood as the Messiah's covenantal ministry through the development of David's Tabernacle and Solomon's Temple. The course will also focus on the significant Old Testament personalities whose lives impacted civilization and influenced Israel. This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

### **Old Testament III**

03BIBL

Old Testament III is the study of the Restoration Books of Ezra through Esther and the poetic and wisdom books of Psalms through the Song of Solomon. The course emphasizes God's faithfulness to his promises in the lives of those who will believe him. The Restoration Books show us that God is at work to fulfill His purposes for His remnant people over every kingdom and government, the book of Job teaches how we are to respond in crisis and testing, the book of Psalms teaches us that worship brings intimacy with God, and the Wisdom Books contain practical guidance for everyday life. This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **Old Testament IV**

04BIBL

This course is a study of the Prophets in the Old Testament except for Daniel & Ezekiel. This course covers the Major Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah-Lamentations and the Minor Prophets, Hosea through Malachi.

The emphasis of the course is on each book's unique message, fulfillment and application for today. These books contain historical narrative, character biographies, prophecy, and divine editorial on the condition of Israel. As the prophetic voice of the Lord prepared to become silent for about 400 years, there was an explosive time of declaration. Old Testament IV begins with the call to repentance and to rebuild "desolate heritages and ends with the future the ministry of the Messiah. In the minor prophets we see the rise of the victorious army of the Lord, the mountain and temple of the Lord, and a clear signal that the next time Jehovah would speak — would be through John the Baptist, in the "spirit and power of Elijah." This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **Life of Christ**

05 BIBL

Life of Christ covers the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded in the four gospels. The course begins with an exploration of the historical background of the gospels and Messianic prophesy. The emphasis of the course is the unfolding revelation of Jesus Christ as God incarnate. From the events of Christ's birth to his death and resurrection, students will discover the importance and relevance of His teachings, miracles, and life example. Emphasis will be placed on God's plan of eternal salvation and the importance of relating to the living Christ as he is at work in the hearts of people today through the power of the Holy Spirit. This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **The Holy Spirit and the Book of Acts**

06 THEO

The Holy Spirit and the Book of Acts is the study of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the development of the New Testament Church in the book of Acts. The emphasis of the course is on the birth of the Church and the important foundations established by the Apostles of Jesus Christ. The course will trace the major events, values, and characteristics of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the early Church; as well as the baptism of the Holy Spirit, work of the Holy Spirit, and ministry gifts of the Holy Spirit made available by God to every believer. The class will focus on how early Christian leadership and the Lord Jesus Himself utilized and partnered with the Holy Spirit to build His Victorious Church. This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **New Testament Letters I**

07BIBL

New Testament Letters I is the study of the letters written by the Apostle Paul to teach, encourage, exhort, and address issues in the churches. Each letter reveals Paul's Father heart for those churches he had "begotten in the Gospel". Paul's letters address the unique challenges each church faced in his absence. Paul communicates doctrine, guidelines for practical living, and specific instructions regarding situations. The course covers the book of Romans through Colossians. The course theme centers upon Paul's revelation of the mystery of Christ, and its applications to the believer, the church, and the dealings of God in the earth. Additionally, there is an emphasis on Pentecostal themes and the *Gifts & Baptism of the Holy Spirit*. This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **New Testament Letters II**

08BIBL

New Testament Letters II is a study of New Testament theology as it is developed in the books of Thessalonians to Jude. The course highlights how various authors of the general epistles address the unique ministry challenges the church faced. Course themes are: the revelation of God; the preeminence of the Word; the atonement and salvation; the nature of the church and Biblical leadership. The course includes a seminar on Biblical Faith and the practical operation of spiritual faith in the church and the life of the believer. Additionally, the course will focus on the themes from Hebrews: new covenant theology and the priesthood of the believer. This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **Foundation of Christian Doctrine**

09THEO

Foundation of Christian Doctrine is taught in a seminar format to cover a variety of related subjects. The class will explore the distinctive of a Christian, Biblical worldview and how that worldview impacts culture. Through the study of Hermeneutics, 12 fundamental Biblical Doctrines and Apologetics students will be equipped with a comprehensive, defensible Biblical worldview that stands in contrast to present day cultural relativism and other world religions. Students will learn to accurately apply the principles and methods of sound Biblical interpretation and defend the Bible as absolute truth. The course will look at the ways history, philosophy, and other world religions have influenced global, contemporary theological thought. This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **Eschatology – Ezekiel, Daniel & the Book of Revelation**

10THEO

Eschatology will cover three of the most important prophetic books of the Bible dealing with the subject of the End Times: Ezekiel, Daniel, and the book of Revelation. Students will explore the prophetic signs of the End Times and will learn how to accurately discern these signs in light of Biblical truth.

Understanding the themes and truths in these books, in addition to developing the ability to appropriately apply them to current day events, is critical for every believer. This is especially true for those seeking to become a teacher of the Word. This course will be taught in a seminar format to be able to examine a variety of related subjects, as well as provide students with the exposure to other qualified spiritual ministries in the Body of Christ. This course fulfills requirements for both the Level 1 Biblical Studies & Theology Certificate and Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **Foundations of Spiritual Ministry, Practical Ministry 1**

11PMIN – Internship & Field Ministry

Foundations of Spiritual Ministry Course is unique. The course is taught in a seminar format to provide students with exposure to different qualified spiritual ministries in the Body of Christ. Every topic has been intentionally chosen to guide the student's ministry focus toward a deeper personal knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is from this foundational motive that all ministry efforts emerge, with the ultimate goal of making Him known to the world. The course begins with *The Revelation of His Life*, a seminar that focuses on the identity of the born-again, spirit-filled believer. *Spiritual Disciplines* addresses the hallmark characteristics of a truly Christian lifestyle and ministry. Additionally, the course will explore the topics of *Discipleship & Christian Character Formation*, *Worship: Ultimate Issue of the Universe*, *Homiletics: Relevant Preaching and Spiritual Safety*. The course will assist every student in their quest for spiritual integrity and the appropriate expression of their call of God to the church and the world.

Additionally, the course includes hands-on training that will develop excellence in ministry. Each student enrolled in 11PMIN will be placed in a variety of service opportunities within the local church to develop ministry experience in different contexts and cultural expressions. Each student will regularly meet with an assigned supervisor for accountability and feedback. This course fulfills requirements for Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

## **The Church & The Effective Christian Leader, Practical Ministry 2**

12PMIN – Internship & Field Ministry

*The Church & The Effective Christian* course seeks to help students develop practical, effective Christian Leadership skills by exploring topics such as the call of God, Biblical values of leadership, and successful relationships. The course uses a seminar format to cover a variety of related subjects as well as provide students with exposure to different qualified spiritual ministries in the Body of Christ. By an emphasis on the nature, character, function and ministry of the church locally and globally, the students will be equipped to effectively fulfill the Great Commission through evangelism and missions. Students will also be equipped with a Pastoral Care and Ministry toolkit which includes conflict resolutions skills, biblical



counseling and ministerial ethics. This course fulfills the requirements for Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

Additionally, the course includes hands-on training that will develop excellence in ministry. Students enrolled in 12PMIN will be assigned to internship positions of regular preaching, teaching, counseling, discipleship and/or evangelism to prepare them for leadership placement. Each student will regularly meet with an assigned supervisor for instruction, accountability and feedback. This course fulfills the requirements for Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.

### **Assemblies of God History & Polity – Practical Ministry 3**

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Each student who wishes to fulfill the required coursework for credentialing with the Assemblies of God should enroll in Assemblies of God History & Polity. This course is aligned with topics mandated by the General Counsel of the Assemblies of God as taught by Berean University. Topics will include Assemblies of God Church administration, law and governance, and Assemblies of God history, polity and ministerial ethics. The book *People of the Spirit* by Gary McGee is required reading. Additionally, the course will explore traditional ministry services provided by the local church such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communion. This course is offered for credit aligned with the Level 2 Ministerial Studies Certificate.