



## Diploma in Christian Ministry

The Diploma in Christian Ministry program is designed primarily for students who have not had opportunity for college or seminary training in ministry or biblical studies, including those who may have entered vocational ministry in later years, laypersons seeking formal training to equip them for local church ministry, and others desiring Bible, theology, and ministry training. The program incorporates an exposure to the classic liberal arts.

While the Diploma program is intended primarily as preparation for local church ministry, most courses are designed to match "General Education" or biblical studies courses in most traditional baccalaureate programs.

### Program Objectives

The purpose of the Diploma in Christian Ministry program is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Explain and summarize the nature and contents of the New and Old Testament Scriptures, the origin of the Bible, models of Scripture, key themes of major biblical books, and the progressive nature of redemptive history;
2. Comprehend and analyze influential controversies in systematic theology, exegetical theology, and the history of Christian thought;
3. Think critically about the relationship of the Bible's teachings to other academic disciplines and to classic works in the Western Tradition, and be able to apply biblical principles and narratives to contemporary situations;
4. Obtain a reading knowledge of one or more biblical language, translate Scripture, and identify fundamental challenges in translation and interpretation;
5. Become more Christ-like as manifested in love for God and others and a mature heart that is superbly suited to fulfill various Kingdom functions.

### Program Requirements (30 credits)

1. Ancient World (HIS 111)
2. Old Testament Story (CHR 111)
3. Gospels (CHR 421)
4. Leadership Foundations I (LDR 101)
5. The Origin of the Bible (CHR 101)
  
6. Medieval World to Renaissance (HIS 112)
7. New Testament Story (CHR 112)
8. Pauline Epistles (CHR 422)
9. History of Theology (CHR 335)
10. World Religions (PHL 349)