



JOHN WITHERSPOON
COLLEGE
Fides Quaerens Intellectum

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.

Diploma in Christian Ministry 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 basic knowledge of 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.

Diploma in Christian Ministry Program Requirements (30 credits)

The Diploma in Christian Ministry consists of all the courses for the first year of the A. A. in Christian Studies:

1. MAT 102 College Algebra I or MAT 100 Mathematical Thought for the Liberal Arts
2. ENG/COM 111 Classical Rhetoric I
3. HIS 111 Ancient World
4. CHR 101 The Origin of the Bible
5. CHR 111 The Old Testament Story
6. LDR 101 Leadership Foundations I: Spiritual Formation
7. ENG/COM 112 Classical Rhetoric II
8. HIS 112 Medieval World to Renaissance
9. CHR 303 Missions and Evangelism
10. CHR 112 The New Testament Story