

## The Diploma Program

The Diploma Program is for laypersons or ministers of demonstrated ability, and endeavors to enhance their effectiveness by means of a curriculum, which integrates their experiences of ministry with the academic resources of the Seminary. The Diploma Program therefore enables pastors and Christian Educators to develop an integrated theology of ministry that will embrace the total life and mission of the church.

Our goals for professional theological education are set forth in the professional program objectives that will be fully explained. The specific goals of the Diploma Program are many in nature. It is designed to prepare the learner for a life as a Christian educator and Christian leader.

Below is a sample of the Diploma Program Class Curriculum:

<b>Freshman Year (10)</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>	<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Credit Hrs.</b>
Keeping Your Ministry Alive via Media	1.5	Keeping Your Ministry Alive via Media	1.5
Christian Development	3.0	Christian Development	3.0
Biblical Comprehension	1.5	Biblical Comprehension	1.5
OT Survey	1.5	O.T. Survey	1.5
Church History	1.5	Church History	1.5
Systematic Theology	1.5	Systematic Theology	1.5
Ministry & Contextualization	1.5	Ministry & Contextualization	1.5
Biblical Interpretation	1.5	Biblical Interpretation	1.5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13.5</b>
<b>Sophomore Year (20)</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Homiletics	1.5	Homiletics	1.5
Christian Development	3.0	Christian Development	3.0
Biblical Comprehension	1.5	Biblical Comprehension	1.5
N.T. Survey	1.5	N.T. Survey	1.5
Church History	1.5	Church History	1.5
Systematic Theology	1.5	Systematic Theology	1.5
Romans	1.5	Romans	1.5
Biblical Interpretations	3.0	Biblical Interpretations	3.0
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13.5</b>

<b>Junior Year (30)</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Urban Ministry	1.5	Urban Ministry	1.5
Christian Development	3.0	Christian Development	3.0
Pastoral Care	1.5	Pastoral Care	1.5
Pneumatology	1.5	Missiology	1.5
Black Christian History	1.5	Black Christian History	1.5
Church Leadership	1.5	Church Leadership	1.5
Pauline Epistles	1.5	Pauline Epistles	1.5
Minor/Major Prophets	1.5	Minor/Major Prophets	1.5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13.5</b>
<b>Senior Year (40)</b>			
<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Ethics	1.5	Ethics	1.5
Christian Development	3.0	Christian Development	3.0
Pastoral Care	1.5	Pastoral Care	1.5
TBD	1.5	TBD	1.5
Teaching Techniques	1.5	Teaching Techniques	1.5
Doctrine of Christ	1.5	Doctrine of Christ	1.5
African American Religion	1.5	African American Religion	1.5
Church Administration	1.5	Church Administration	1.5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13.5</b>
<b>*Total Credits needed for Diploma Program - 108 hours</b>			