

About the Certificate Programs

In conjunction with Creighton University in Omaha, the Diocese of Des Moines cosponsors Certificate Programs in Ministry, Liturgy, Spirituality and Theology. This partnership provides systematic formation for ministry and leadership.

First established in 1986 with the St. Joseph Educational Center, the Certificate Programs are a valuable resource for ministry and ministers in the diocese.

Courses and Instructors

The Certificate Programs provide a cycle of theology and ministry courses, with a 3-credit course offered in the diocese each semester.

Instructors for the courses are faculty of Creighton University's theology department and other credentialed professionals. The seminar sessions and the ministerial projects draw upon pastoral and professional leaders as resources.

Register for One Course or Audit a Course

Individuals may register for one or more courses that are of particular interest, rather than for the full cycle of courses. Also, individuals may register to "audit" a course, at a reduced tuition rate.

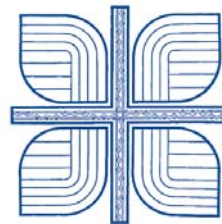


For More Information

To request more information about the Certificate Programs or to register, you may contact Creighton University or the Diocese of Des Moines.

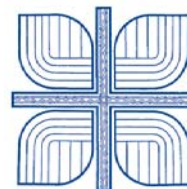


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and Creighton University

The Certificate Programs

Creighton University, in conjunction with the Diocese of Des Moines, offers Certificate Programs in Ministry, Liturgy, Spirituality and Theology. These programs are open to persons of all denominations who desire a theological foundation along with practical application.

Why Complete a Certificate Program?

The Certificate Programs are designed for persons who desire to:

- Prepare for various kinds of service in church or ministry settings
- Continue their education, catechesis and leadership in church community
- Foster theological and spiritual renewal
- Complete a bachelor's degree in ministry or theology through Creighton University
- Prepare for graduate studies in ministry, spirituality or theology

Previous Participants

Past participants of the Certificate Programs have included:

- Catechetical leaders
- Pastoral ministers and leaders
- Teachers and administrative professionals
- Persons preparing to become pastoral ministers
- Adults working toward completion of an undergraduate degree
- Persons seeking spiritual growth
- Adults who want the theology of Vatican II to inform their active participation in parish life



Schedule of Classes

Fall 2010	THL 201: Reading the Old Testament
Spring 2011	THL 207: Reading the New Testament
Summer 2011	THL 544: Christian Celebration: The Liturgical Year
Fall 2011	THL 561: Finding God in Daily Life: Prayer and Discernment
Spring 2012	THL 560: Theology of Ministry
Fall 2012	THL 338: Eucharist: Liturgical Theology and Practice
Spring 2013	THL 335: Jesus Christ: Yesterday and Today
Fall 2013	THL 325: Catholicism: Creed and Question

Seminar

Each semester, those working toward a Certificate participate in an ongoing seminar (1 credit). The seminar meets each semester and provides the time and space for support and mentoring. Past participants in the Certificate Programs may also take part in the seminar.

Curriculum Requirements

Each Certificate requires completion of 25 credits. This includes the 1-credit seminar and the following 3-credit courses.

Core Courses for All Certificates:

- Reading the New Testament
- Reading the Old Testament
- Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding
- Finding God in Daily Life: Prayer and Discernment

Any Two of the Following Are Also Required for All Certificates:

- Catholicism: Creed and Questions
- Jesus Christ: Yesterday and Today
- Theology of Church and Sacraments

The Following Courses Are Also Required for the Specified Certificates:

Certificate in Ministry

- Practicum in Ministry
- Theology of Ministry

Certificate in Liturgy

- The Eucharist: Sacrament of Unity or Disunity
- Christian Celebration: The Liturgical Year

Certificate in Spirituality

- Christian Celebration: The Liturgical Year
- Foundations of Christian Spirituality

Certificate in Theology

- Electives



Financial Assistance

Participation in the Certificate Programs requires a significant investment of both time and money. Financial assistance is available in the form of reduced tuition and scholarships, matching funds and special grants.

Tuition Discount and Scholarship from Creighton University

Creighton University offers the Certificate Program courses with the diocese, at 50% the regular tuition rate. In addition, Creighton awards a Wes Wolfe Scholarship, in the amount of \$125, to each person taking a Certificate Program course for credit.

Funding from Parishes and Matching Funds

Some parishes provide full or partial funding to individuals, as a means of encouraging them in preparation for more effective service to the community. The diocese offers a limited amount of matching funds, when parishes provide funding to individuals.

Special Grant for First-Time Registrants

When a member of the diocese is a first-time registrant (for credit), the diocese provides a grant toward the tuition.