

CERTIFICATE OF EVANGELISM

Trinity School of Ministry

Church Army USA

Note: Two of the five courses taught at Trinity must be taken for credit. The other three may be audited*.

With the exception of Homiletics, Pastoral Care and Counseling, and Christian Apologetics (all elective options), coursework may be done online. If any of these options are chosen, they must be taken on campus and may be taken if offered during June or January interterms. If Homiletics is chosen for the elective option, it must be taken for credit, and therefore it would count as one of the two credit courses that are necessary to meet the Certificate Requirements.

BI500 Biblical Interpretation

An essential introduction to the Bible—its overall theology, historical content, and contemporary interpretation. After considering the overall biblical drama (its themes, shape, and historical claims), there will be a significant focus on how to interpret the Bible faithfully. In addition to regular class work focused on particular texts, the course will require individual students to present an exegesis of a text as well as a practical “project” on Biblical Theology. This course seeks to provide the skills necessary for understanding the Bible with a diligent and humble attention to the text and its context.

OT500 Introduction to Old Testament

This course is designed to provide the student with an introduction to the history of salvation as expressed in the OT. It explores the major themes and events recorded in the OT with special attention to the relationship of the OT to Jesus Christ. Our interaction with the OT is intended not only to increase your knowledge, but also encourage spiritual growth and skill in using the OT in ministry.

NT500 Introduction to New Testament

A survey of God’s self-revelation in Jesus Christ and formation of a new covenant people in the Church. The course will emphasize biblical content, knowledge of the historical background to the New Testament events and documents, and acquaintance with basic concepts of New Testament theology

ME500 Introduction to World Mission

An introduction to the biblical, theological, and historical foundations of world mission. Attention will be given to an examination of issues related to evangelism, mission, mission and dialog, and to the special subjects of persecuted Christians, unreached peoples, cross-cultural communication, justice, spiritual warfare and the place of mission in the local church.

Elective Course (select from the following pages)

Evangelism Practicum

This course is at the heart of evangelism training. It provides the opportunity to learn evangelism techniques and strategies in a real ministry setting with Church Army USA. Over a nine month period of time the training will teach lay people how to share the gospel with real people in real life situations. The role and obligation of the church to practice evangelism and discipleship will be explored and observed as lost souls are brought from isolation into Christian community. The practicum is intended to provide experience in evangelism which will equip lay evangelists to assist parishes in share the good news of Jesus Christ with people in their communities.

*** Audited courses cost \$150 (as of 2018) and may require written or oral examinations from the sending agency to verify that the material has been learned.**

Elective Course Options

ME600 Mission & Evangelism

Prerequisite: ME500. This course provides instruction and encouragement in the basics of personal evangelism and evangelism in the local church, including a strong emphasis on the practical application of what is learned in class and through the reading. Each student will participate in a parish evangelism mission weekend or a community evangelistic event as an integral part of the course in addition to other direct witness and gospel sharing ministries. Attention is paid to the intersection of biblical theology and contemporary culture. The goal is to understand how to communicate the gospel effectively through a variety of methods and media according to the cultural norms of the group being reached in order to be effective, lifelong bearers of the Good News.

PT700 Spiritual Formation: Catechesis and Discipleship

This course provides an introduction to the theological and pedagogical principles undergirding the ministry of catechesis by providing a blend of both theoretical and practical skills for cradle to grave discipleship. We will explore five themes: the who, what, why, where, and how of Christian formation. Even the course title reflects how terminology can be quite varied in this arena. The term Christian education may be used by one congregation, whereas another may use the phrase educational ministry. In still other parishes or denominations religious education or spiritual formation, catechesis or discipleship may be used. Throughout this course we will make reference to many of these terms and the paradigms they reflect by critically examining the nature of Christian Religious Education from a broad range of perspectives: biblical, theological, historical, developmental and educational. We will explore these five themes by reflecting on historical and theological texts as well as contemporary and practical works that embody the following five forms of catechetical praxis: koinonia (the curriculum of community), leiturgia (the curriculum of prayer and worship), didache (the curriculum of teaching), kerygma (the curriculum of proclamation), and diakonia (the curriculum of service). This course will consist of various formats: discussions, workshops, lectures, informal fieldwork, lectures, demonstrations, and presentations.

PT710 Pastoral Care & Counseling (Must be taken on campus)

This course is an introduction to the theology and vocation of the ministry of Pastoral Care as the Cure of Souls. We will explore the foundational thinking regarding pastoral care and give practical guidelines for the practice of the unique work which we as priests and pastors offer in the panoply of "helping" professions. The bulk of the course will be taken up in fleshing out in practical terms a working theology of each of the sacramental rites as they, together with the Scriptures, are provided for the foundation of pastoral care. The Pastoral Offices of the Prayer Book will serve as the framework for the course.

PT550 Homiletics (Must be taken on campus for credit)

This course combines both the theoretical and the practical to broaden understanding of the theology and practice of preaching. Topics include the role and spiritual life of the preacher, the style and content of presentations, and the mechanics of public speaking. Students will prepare and deliver a variety of presentations, including homilies, in class and receive feedback from the instructor, guests, and fellow students.

ST620 Christian Apologetics (Must be taken on campus)

A study of the claims of historical biblical Christianity so as to commend the gospel to contemporary people. The course considers the cultural, philosophical, and moral problems of individuals and of society.

ST625 God the Father: Trinity, Creation, and the Fall

This class uses the Bible and major theologians and philosophers to equip students to proclaim God the Father to contemporary society. It includes discussions of divine revelation, the person and work of God the Father, the Trinity, creation, humanity, the fall, providence and civil society. An evangelical Anglican position is developed and defended from secular criticism using the 39 Articles and contemporary authors, and applied to

CH625 Early Church History

This course covers the first two of six topics in the history curriculum at Trinity School for Ministry. First, it introduces historiography, the study of history. Second, it applies insights from this introduction to the study of the life, practice, and doctrine of the early Church. Students are not required to take this course before proceeding to CH635 or CH645, but they are encouraged to do so.