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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Pneuma Life School of Ministry (PLSM). I am delighted and encouraged by your decision to pursue spiritual and educational excellence with us. Our administration and faculty have been diligently praying and preparing for what promises to be a Spirit-filled journey of learning and living.

PLSM is a ministry of Agape Family Worship Center and in partnership with Oral Roberts University's School of Lifelong Learning. The name ORU is synonymous with excellence in ministry and education. By partnering with a highly ranked accredited university, you can be confident you will receive a top-notch education that will truly equip the saints for the work of ministry.

We believe your presence has been Divinely orchestrated. You are not here by chance. We value both your time and tenacity. Surely we know a commitment to learning requires a great deal of sacrifice. Therefore, we are honored and committed to teaching you sound biblical principles for practical application in the ministry to which you have been called. I challenge you to absorb the rich instruction you will receive. Ask questions of your knowledgeable teachers. Engage in thought-provoking dialogue with your peers. Soul search and commit yourself each day to delving deeper into the things of God. The journey is just as important as the destination.

Again, welcome!



Dr. Lawrence Powell





A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

I greet you in the matchless name of Jesus Christ for truly He is worthy of all honor and praise. I am so excited and overjoyed by your interest in joining us at Pneuma Life School of Ministry as we partner with Oral Roberts University School of Lifelong Education (Tulsa, Oklahoma).

Our partnership with ORU brings with it a rich legacy of excellence in Christian Education. The ORU School of Theology and Missions supplies our curriculum and it is one of the largest accredited seminaries in the United States. The certificate or diploma that you will earn issued jointly by Pneuma Life School of Ministry and the Oral Roberts University School of Lifelong Education. Thus, your academic learning will not only prepare you for ministry today, it is sure to propel you into the future of ministry in the Body of Christ. We have been equipping students for the work of ministry since 2004 so we have seen growth and enhancement in people who are serious about rightly dividing the Word of God.

As you prepare to take on this new season of learning, I want to assure you that my staff and I will be with you every step of the way. But more importantly, we believe the Holy Spirit will be with all of us as we move forward in Him. For the word pneuma is a Greek term, which primarily denotes the wind. It means breath as well as to breathe or blow. It represents the spirit, which like the wind, is invisible, immaterial and powerful. Therefore, we expect the power of the Holy Spirit to supernaturally impact the lives of those who will set aside time for the systematic study of the Word of God. So on behalf of our visionary and president, Lawrence Powell, our capable administrative staff, and excellent faculty, we welcome you to share in the Pneuma Life experience.

Yours in the Master's Service,

*Odessa McNeill, Th.D.
Dean, Pneuma Life School of Ministry*

GENERAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Pneuma Life School of Ministry (PLSM) is an evangelical, interdenominational, and multi-ethnic community dedicated to the preparation of men and women for the manifold ministries of Christ and His Church. Under the authority of Scripture, it seeks to fulfill its commitment to ministry through Biblical education, professional development and spiritual growth. In all of its activities (i.e. instruction, nurture, worship, service, research and publication), PLSM strives for excellence in the service of Jesus Christ, under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, and to the glory of the Father.

MISSION

Pneuma Life School of Ministry exists to equip the saints for the work of ministry.

VISION STATEMENT

Pneuma Life School of Ministry exist to provide exemplary Christ-centered teaching and training designed to prepare servant-leaders for effective, impacting ministry in the Church for the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth.

DOCTRINES OF FAITH

We believe . . .

- In the triune God – one God, eternally existent in three co-equal Persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- The Holy Bible is the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
- Salvation is provided for all men through Jesus Christ.
- In Water Baptism and the observance of the Lord's Supper.
- It is the will of God that every believer be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- The Church (the Body of Christ) consists of all those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord & Savior.
- Healing is provided in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and is the privilege of all believers.
- In the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust.
- In the imminent, personal, and visible return of Jesus Christ.

AFFILIATION

Pneuma Life School of Ministry is an affiliate of Agape Family Worship Center and in partnership with Oral Roberts University's School of Lifelong Learning Education. These relationships guarantee quality Biblical education programs and institutional credibility for Pneuma Life School of Ministry.

Pneuma Life School of Ministry is also affiliated with the Association of Biblical Higher Education in Orlando Florida and Evangelical Training Association in Wheaton, Illinois.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Pneuma Life School of Ministry admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin. PLSM does not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or any other school-administered program.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

Diploma credit earned through Pneuma Life School of Ministry is recorded in our records and submitted to the ORU School of Life Long Education. An official transcript can be obtained by writing to:

ORU School of Life Long Education

7777 South Lewis Avenue

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74171

Attention Dr. Sam Barsoum

You can also fax a written request to **918-495-7965**. Please note that a fee of \$20.00 is required as well.

of his strength I will
need unto thee;
is my high tower.
d with his lovingkind-
will meet me:
let me see my desire
mine enemies.
em not, lest my people

them by thy power,
ring them down,
our shield.
sin of their mouth, and
ords of their lips,
n even be taken in their

r cursing and lying
they speak.
e them in wrath, con-
them, so that they
be no more:

them know that God
in Jacob,
e ends of the earth.
[Sē'lāh

evening let them re-
et them howl like a dog,
round about the city.
hall wander up and
for food,
ry all night if they be
tified.

ll sing of thy strength;
will sing aloud of thy
kindness in the morn-

u hast been my high

efuge in the day of my
ss.

ee, O my strength, will
praises:

is my high tower, the
f my mercy.

Defeat in Battle, and Prayer
for Help.

Musician; set to Shushan
chtam of David, to teach;
ove with Aram-naharaim and
abah, and Joab returned, and
dom in the Valley of Salt
and.

, thou hast cast us off,
hast broken us down;
st been angry; oh re-
is again.

pt. and Vulg., My strength
ie in wait for me. Or,
ader to and fro. That is,
ony

2 Thou hast made the land to
tremble; thou hast rent it:
Heal the breaches thereof;
for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy people
hard things:
Thou hast made us to drink the
wine of staggering.

4 Thou hast given a banner to
them that fear thee,
That it may be displayed be-
cause of the truth. [Sē'lāh

5 That thy beloved may be de-
livered,
Save with thy right hand, and
answer us.

6 God hath spoken in his holi-
ness: I will exult;

I will divide Shēchem, and
mete out the valley of Sūc'-
cōth.

7 Ēl'ē-ād is mine, and Mā-nās'-
sēh is mine;

Ēphrā'im also is the defence
of my head;

Jū'dāh is my sceptre.

8 Mō'ab is my washpot;

Upon Ē'dōm will I cast my
shoe;

Phī-lis'ti-ā, shout thou because
of me.

9 Who will bring me into the
strong city?

Who hath led me unto Ē'dōm?

10 Hast not thou, O God, cast
us off?

And thou goest not forth, O
God, with our hosts.

11 Give us help against the adver-
sary;

For vain is the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do vali-
antly;

For he it is that will tread down
our adversaries.

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the Chief Musician; on a stringed
instrument. A Psalm of David.

61 Hear my cry, O God;
Attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I
call unto thee, when my
heart is overwhelmed:

¹ Another reading is, me. ² Or, lawgiver
³ Or, Unto. ⁴ Or, Who will lead me &c.
⁵ Or, With not thou, O God, who hast cast us
off, and goest . . . hosts? ⁶ Heb. salvation
⁷ Or, fainteth

Lead me to the rock that is
higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a refuge
for me,

A strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle
for ever:

I will take refuge in the covert
of thy wings. [Sē'lāh

5 For thou, O God, hast heard
my vows:

Thou hast given me the heri-
tage of those that fear thy
name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life;
His years shall be as many
generations.

7 He shall abide before God for
ever:

Oh prepare lovingkindness and
truth, that they may preserve
him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy
name for ever,

That I may daily perform my
vows.

God alone a Refuge from Treachery and
Oppression.

For the Chief Musician; after the manner
of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

62 My soul waiteth in silence
for God only:

From him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my sal-
vation:

He is my high tower; I shall
not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye set upon a
man,

That ye may slay him, all of
you,

Like a leaning wall, like a tot-
tering fence?

4 They only consult to thrust him
down from his dignity;

They delight in lies;
They bless with their mouth,

but they curse inwardly.
[Sē'lāh

5 My soul, wait thou in silence
for God only;

For my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my sal-
vation:

⁸ Or, a rock that is too high for me. ⁹ Heb.
tent. ¹⁰ Or, given a heritage unto those &c.
¹¹ Heb. is silent unto God. ¹² Or, as other-
wise read, Ye shall be slain &c. ¹³ Heb. be
thou silent unto God



ADMISSION POLICY

Pneuma Life School of Ministry, in keeping with its mission, vision, purpose, and doctrinal statements, is dedicated to making quality education accessible. To be admitted into the programs at PLSM, the applicant must meet the requirements for admission set forth herein.

All prospective students are required to complete and sign the Application for Admission, which includes their agreement with the Oral Roberts University Code of Honor Pledge. Individuals will pay a one-time application processing fee of \$50.00, and a \$25.00 course registration fee at the beginning of each semester. Applications must be returned to Pneuma Life School of Ministry for processing. PLSM will communicate with each student in writing concerning his or her acceptance or denial into the program.

All prospective students must provide the following:

- A completed Application for Admission.
- High School diploma, GED, certificate or other official proof of graduation from an institution providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such graduation.
- If applicable, all official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate credit.
- References and relevant letters of recommendations must be submitted along with the Application for Admission or shortly thereafter.

NON-MATRICULATION POLICY

Students who wish to apply for non-matriculation status may do so. Tuition on all non-matriculated courses is one half of the normal fee and tuition must be paid-in-full prior to the class start date. Under no circumstance will a student be allowed to take more than six credits as a non-matriculated student.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION & FEES

FINANCIAL AID

Pneuma Life School of Ministry is not enrolled in the federal Title IV educational financial aid program. Therefore, federal educational assistance (i.e. Pell Grant, Loans, Work Study Program, etc.) is not available while attending PLSM. Students who have previously acquired federal loans while studying at other institutions should be aware that those loans are not eligible for deferment while attending PLSM. Please do not hesitate to contact the Financial Department with any questions.

FEES

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|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Application Fee | \$50.00 | |
| Registration Fee | \$25.00 | |
| Withdrawal Fee | \$50.00 | |
| Certificate program | \$125.00 per credit | \$375.00 per three credit course |
| Diploma Program | \$125.00 per credit | \$375.00 per three credit course |
| Non-Matriculation | \$62.50 per credit | \$187.50 per three credit course |
| Diploma of Theological Studies- (long- term) 33 Credits | | |
| Certificate Program (short -term) 19 Credits | | |

Cost of student study materials and textbooks may vary and are not included in the above tuition schedule.



DEFERRED PAYMENT PLAN

All deferred payment plans are need-based only. Students may make arrangements with the Registrar. All tuition schedules for the deferred payment plan apply to the Certificate and Diploma Programs only. This plan does not apply to non-matriculation students. All non-matriculating students must pay tuition in full. The deferment plan arrangements are as follows:

50% of the tuition or \$162.50 per course must be paid by the first day of class.

25% of the tuition or per course must be paid 30 days after the first day of class. 25% of the tuition or \$81.25 per course must be paid 60 days after the first day of class. Late fees will accrue on payments not received by said dates.

OVERDUE ACCOUNT POLICY

Any student delinquent after the final payment is due in a semester will not be allowed to receive their grades for the term. Additionally, they will not be allowed to register for additional classes until their account is cleared. Once the account is cleared, the grades submitted for the courses taken during the semester of delinquency will be placed on the transcript and registration for the next semester will be permitted. Please note that once a delinquent balance is paid that registration must be completed within the normal registration schedule (before the drop/add period ends), and that student enrollment will be subject to class availability.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Students wishing to withdraw from PLSM or drop a program of study must do so within 14 days after receiving the course materials. Such students must notify the school of their intent to withdraw in writing, secure written approval, and return the packet of materials. If this procedure is followed, all monies paid to the college will be returned except the \$50.00 application, \$25.00 registration fee, and a \$50.00 withdrawal fee. If a student withdraws without the written acknowledgement of the school, no refund will be made. If the withdrawal is requested after 14 days have expired, refunds will be made as follows:

- From 15 days to 20 days – 40%
- After 20 days from the date of enrollment – no refund is given.

Please Note:

No refunds will be given after the 20th day.

The 20th day is the last day to withdraw without receiving a grade of F.

GRADING AND GRADUATION

DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE-CREDIT COURSES

Diploma/Certificate-credit courses are graded on a letter-grade scale as noted below:

| Percent | Grade | GPA |
|-----------|-------|-----------|
| 90 -100% | A | 4.0 |
| 80 - 89% | B | 3.0 |
| 70 - 79% | C | 2.0 |
| 60 - 69% | D | 1.0 |
| Below 60% | F | No credit |

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from the Certificate and Diploma programs, you must complete all program requirements with a minimum cumulative GPA of “C” (2.0) or better for all work done through Pneuma Life School of Ministry.

ORU EXTERNAL DEGREE PROGRAM

As partner with the School of Lifelong Education, Oral Roberts University offers a fully accredited Bachelor of Science degree that is completed through correspondence studies. Majors are available in Business Administration, Christian Care and Counseling, Church Ministries, or Liberal Studies. (There is also a major in Elementary Education with Licensure that requires some on-campus time.)

Individuals completing the Pneuma Life School of Ministry long-term program who seek to establish academic (degree) credit for the knowledge gained through life experience (including Pneuma Life School of Ministry program) should normally enroll in the portfolio development course entitled Prior Learning Assessment (GEN 101). This is a three-credit-hour, college-level elective correspondence course designed to guide the student through the portfolio development process. The portfolio process recognizes the knowledge that adult learners have gained through Certificate/Diploma-level courses, continuing education, on-the-job training, or personal study. Credit toward the bachelor's degree may be granted for knowledge acquired through life experiences that are equivalent to those transmitted through identifiable degree-level courses. Students may seek to establish credit for any undergraduate level courses in the ORU curriculum. Upon completion of the portfolio development course, students receive three hours of elective credit. In addition, the resulting portfolio is submitted to a committee of ORU faculty for evaluation. Based on the faculty evaluation, students may receive up to 30 hours of credit toward their degree from ORU.

The following procedures provide additional alternatives for obtaining academic credit for Diploma courses toward ORU degree programs.

- Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio (up to 30 credits in correspondence bachelor's degree programs)
- Test-out (up to 30 credits in correspondence or residential bachelor's degree programs)
- Petition for credit through course-by-course evaluation (correspondence or residential bachelor's degree programs)

For more information about ORU degrees, contact:

Dr. Sam Barsoum
sbarsoum@oru.edu
Phone: 918.495.6739



SHORT AND LONG TERM CURRICULUM

Certificate and Diploma course offerings are a combination of Biblical, Theological and Practical Ministry Elective and Required Subjects. Course Offerings are based on subjects needed to satisfy the different Short term Certificates and the Diploma. Additional Courses are offered for students who have satisfied the requirements for their track selection or who want to take a particular subject. In some instances, a course from the additional list can be substituted for a course on a particular track.

- Old Testament Survey
- Life of Christ
- Signs and Wonders II
- Introduction to Christian Caregiving
- Biblical Interpretation
- Prayer
- Introduction to Christian Missions
- Major World Religions
- Holy Spirit in the Now
- New Testament Survey
- Evangelism
- Christian Faith and Ministry
- Faith and Human Development
- Marriage and Family
- History and Philosophy of Christian Education
- Teaching the Bible
- Church Growth and Planting
- Ministry and Leadership Development
- Life and Teachings of Paul
- Contemporary Religious Cults
- Principles of Biblical Counseling
- Crisis Intervention
- Sermon Preparation
- Signs and Wonders I
- Spiritual Issues in Substance Abuse
- End Time Events

ADDITIONAL COURSES

- Biblical Doctrine I
- Biblical Doctrine II
- Church Administration
- Discipleship and Small Groups
- Educational Ministries for the Church
- Hebrew Prophets
- History of Christianity I
- History of Christianity II
- Ministering to Youth

CODE OF HONOR

In signing the Code of Honor, the applicant recognizes that Pneuma Life School of Ministry and Oral Roberts University's School of Lifelong Learning are founded to be, and are committed to being Christian religious ministries and that they offer a lifestyle of commitment to Jesus Christ of Nazareth as personal Savior and Lord as an integral part of their evangelistic outreach. It is therefore important that each applicant to commit themselves to be a person of integrity in attitude and respect for what these schools are in their calling to be Christian institutions.

EVERY STUDENT MUST:

PLEDGE to apply themselves wholeheartedly to intellectual pursuits and to use the full powers of their mind for the glory of God.

PLEDGE to grow in their spirit, developing his/her own relationship with God.

PLEDGE to develop their body with sound health habits by participating in wholesome physical activities.

PLEDGE to cultivate good relationships socially with others and to seek to love others as they love themselves. Students shall not lie, will not steal, will not curse, and will not be a talebearer. Students will not cheat or plagiarize; will do their own academic work and will not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments.

PLEDGE to keep the total being under subjection from all immoral and illegal actions and communications, whether on or off campus. Students will not take any illegal drug or misuse any drugs; students will not engage in or attempt to engage in any illicit, unscriptural sexual acts, which shall include sexual intercourse with one who is not a spouse through ceremonial marriage and any homosexual activity. Students will not drink alcoholic beverages of any kind, will not use tobacco, and will not engage in other behavior that is contrary to the rules and regulations listed in the Student handbook.

PLEDGE to attend class and to attend the house of worship of their choice wherever God is honored and lifted up.

PLEDGE to abide by the rules and regulations that may from time to time be adopted by the Administration.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

CERTIFICATE SELECTIONS

Certificate programs provide options for PLSM students who need a short-term incentive to aim for or who for one reason or another cannot complete the 33 hour program. Once students have completed the 19-credit Certificate, they will receive a joint Certificate and can continue on toward the Diploma of Theological studies. We are offering six specialized certificates with required courses and electives. Each certificate requires (1 credit-hour) Ministry Practicum to provide hands-on ministry training experience.

Christian Workers Certificate

For short-term training as a Christian worker in the local church or ministry

Fall Semester (3 credits each)

DBIB 110 - Old Testament Survey

DPRM 333 - Ministry and Leadership Development

Spring Semester (3 credits each)

DTHE 230 - Christian Faith and Ministry

DPRM 430 - Evangelism

Summer Semester (3 credits each)

DBIB 120 - New Testament Survey

DPRM 461 - Prayer

Ministry Practicum (1 credit)

Christian Education Certificate

For those in church Christian Education programs such as Sunday School, Children's Church, Youth Ministry, Cell Group Ministry, etc.)

Fall Semester (3 credits each)

DBIB 110 - Old Testament Survey

DPRM 333 - Ministry and Leadership Development

Spring Semester (3 credits each)

DBIB 120 - New Testament Survey

DPRM 312 - Faith and Human Development

Summer Semester (3 credits each)

DPRM 305 - Teaching the Bible

DPRM 300 - History and Philosophy of Christian
Education

Ministry Practicum (1 credit)

Biblical Studies Certificate

For students who want to focus on Biblical studies

Fall Semester (3 credits each)

DBIB 110 - Old Testament Survey

DBIB 400 - Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics)

Spring Semester (3 credits each)

DBIB 120 - New Testament Survey

DBIB 374 - Life and Teaching of Paul

Summer Semester (3 credits each)

DBIB 362 - Life of Christ

DBIB 363 - End Time Events (Biblical Eschatology)

Ministry Practicum (1 credit)

Christian Caregiving Certificate

Fall Semester (3 credits each)

DPRM 301 Introduction to Christian Caregiving

DPRM 405 Crisis Intervention

Spring Semester (3 credits each)

DPRM 312 Faith and Human Development

DPRM 418 Marriage and Family

Summer Semester (3 credits each)

DPRM 317 Principles of Biblical Counseling

DPRM 449 Spiritual Issues in Substance Abuse

Ministry Practicum (1 credit)

Christian Mission Certificate

For training in Evangelism, Church Planting and Missions

Fall Semester (3 credits each)

DPRM 325 - Introduction to Christian Missions

DTHE 399 - Signs and Wonders

Spring Semester (3 credits each)

DTHE 230 - Christian Faith and Ministry

DPRM 430 - Evangelism

Summer Semester (3 credits each)

DPRM 404 - Church Growth and Planting

DTHE 303 - Major World Religions

Ministry/Missions Practicum or Internship

(1-3 credit hours)

The General Theological Studies Certificate

For students who do not want a specialized certificate, but rather, a variety of general theological studies.

In order to maintain a balance of studies in diverse areas of theology, students are required to have a one-credit Ministry Practicum and at least one (preferably two) course(s) of their choice in each of the three concentrations of theological studies: Biblical Studies, Theological/ Historical Studies, Practical Ministry Studies, for a total of 19 credit hours.

For a total of 19 credit hours (6 courses + Ministry Practicum), choose at least 1 course (preferably 2) from each area of concentration.

See “curriculum and course description” page.

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DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Diploma of Theological Studies is designed for Christians who desire intensive training in Biblical studies, Theology, and Practical Ministries. This 33 Credit hour approach to ministry training is especially geared for pastors and lay persons in that the training is tailored to involve each student to be energetically effective in the ministries of the local church.

BIBLE - (REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS) (9 hours)

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| DBIB – 110 | Old Testament Survey | 3 |
| DBIB – 120 | New Testament Survey | 3 |
| DBIB – 400 | Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics) | 3 |

BIBLE (*ELECTIVES REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS*) (3 HOURS)

DBIB 364 Life and Teachings of Paul

THEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL STUDIES (*REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS*) (9 Hours)

DTHE 230 Christian Faith and Ministry 3

DTHE 399 Signs and Wonders I 3

DTHE 303 Major World Religions 3

THEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ELECTIVES (3 hours)

DTHE 101 Holy Spirit in the Now 3

PRACTICES OF MINISTRY - GENERAL TRACK (*REQUIRED*) (9 Hours)

DPRM-430 Evangelism 3

DPRM 333 Ministry and Leadership Development 3

DPRM 461 Prayer 3

Practicum (1) credit hour

Total: 33 class room hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

DBIB 110 Old Testament Survey- (3 credits)

This is a historical survey of the Old Testament. Special attention will be given to the cultural background, to the theological and contextual perspectives, as well as to the practical application of major Old Testament themes.

DBIB 120 New Testament Survey (3 Credits)

This course is an examination of the New Testament and of the historical, social, economic, and religious background out of which Christianity arose.

DBIB 400 Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics) (3 Credits)

A study of the problems and methods of biblical interpretation, including the factors of presuppositionws, grammar, literary and historical context, and the appropriate handling of various kinds of literature found in the Bible.

BIBLE ELECTIVES

DBIB 362 Life of Christ (3 Credits)

In this course, the student will study the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospels and early Christian literature.

DBIB 363 End Time Events (Biblical Eschatology) (3 Credits)

This is a study of Old and New Testament teachings on eschatology, including those aspects of the kingdom of God that are already present and those yet to be fulfilled. Specific attention is given to concepts such as messiah, resurrection, tribulation, millennium, judgment, signs of the times, and kingdom of God.

DBIB 374 Life and Teachings of Paul (3 Credits)

This course studies the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Book of Acts and the Pauline epistles. Special attention is given to the beginnings and growth of the church.

DBIB 401 Israel Study Tour (3 Credits)

A travel tour to Bible lands in order to study the history, geography, and culture of the Scriptures.

DBIB 424 Hebrew Prophets (3 Credits)

This course is a study of the origin and development of prophecy among the Hebrews during the first half of the first millennium B.C. Emphasis is placed on the messages of the prophets, historical background, and the social and religious implications of their teaching.

DBIB 437 POETICAL LITERATURE (3 credits)

A study of the poetical books of the Old Testament, including Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations, with emphasis on Hebrew poetry and its relation to other ancient literatures.

THEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL

DTHE 101 Holy Spirit in the Now (3 Credits)

Chancellor Oral Roberts analyzes biblical concepts and principles that reveal the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Parallels of the dynamic ministry of the Spirit in today's world are clearly drawn.

DTHE 230 Christian Faith and Ministry (3 Credits)

This is a cursory exploration of the biblical truths and teachings of the Christian church. Emphasis is placed on the charismatic interpretation of these truths.

DTHE 399 Signs and Wonders I (3 Credits)

This course is designed to allow students to study the manifestation of signs and wonders in the history of the church, to learn from those servants of God whose ministries are characterized by signs and wonders, and to experience signs and wonders in their own lives and ministries.

DTHE 453 History of Christianity I (3 Credits)

A study of the development of the Christian church from its birth up to the Reformation, with emphasis upon the major historical movements, leaders, and theological issues of the period.

DTHE 454 History of Christianity II (3 Credits)

Survey of expression from the Reformation era with emphasis on the reformers and the impact made politically and economically. Special reference is made to the great missionary expansion.

THEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ELECTIVES

DTHE 313 Bible Doctrine I (3 Credits)

Covers the idea of theology; the existence of God; Scriptures as revelation; and the nature, works, and decrees of God.

DTHE 314 Bible Doctrine II (3 Credits)

Doctrine of the Trinity, decrees of God, creation, and providence are studied.

DTHE 400 Signs and Wonders II

(Principles and Patterns of Divine Healing) (3 Credits)

A continuation of Signs and Wonders I, this course is designed to allow students to study the manifestation of signs and wonders in the history of the church, to learn from those servants of God whose ministries are characterized by signs and wonders, and to experience signs and wonders in their own lives and ministries.

DTHE 303 Major World Religions

A survey of the major religions that are practiced in the world today. Emphasizes the major thought, ethics, religious practices, and history of each religion, with a view toward a Christian response to each religion.

DTHE 303 Contemporary Religious Cults (3 Credits)

An explanation of the history, theology, and evangelistic thrusts of alternative religious (cultic groups) in America. Each group is evaluated biblically.

PRACTICES OF MINISTRY

DPRM 300 The History and Philosophy of Christian Education (3 credits)

This course gives the student good insight as to why Christian Education is important and it provides philosophical viewpoints.

DPRM 305 Teaching the Bible (3 Credits)

Fundamental and advanced methods of Bible study relating to teaching situations in the church are studied. Thorough consideration of background information is encouraged for proper understanding of biblical situations and their application to our present time.

DPRM 312 Faith and Human Development (3 credits)

A study of “whole-person” development and a wide range of practical Christian ministry in the local church context. It includes physical, intellectual, social, moral, and faith development for all ages.

DPRM 317 Biblical Principles of Counseling (3 Credits)

An introduction to basic concepts and procedures of biblical counseling. Its purpose is to acquaint the student with a biblically oriented approach to people helping. The knowledge and skills gained may then be integrated into the student’s personal counseling style.

DPRM 320 Ministry Practicum (3 Credits)

The purpose of this ministry practicum is to provide the student with practical experience in ministerial responsibilities and in a broad range of roles performed in ministry.

Trainees gain competence in essential areas of local church ministry. Three one-credit semesters of this practicum are required for a diploma. One semester is required for an advanced certificate.

DPRM 325 Introduction to Christian Missions (3 Credits)

A study designed to provide an overview of God’s eternal purpose – the preparation of a people for himself from all the nations of the earth. By examining the biblical foundation, the historical development, the cultural considerations, and the strategic demands of God’s work in the world, the student is challenged to the primary role of missions in the church.

DPRM 333- Ministry and Leadership Development (3 credits)

A study of biblical principles and methods of training believers for ministry and leadership in the church. Attention is given to spiritual growth, development, and equipping individuals for effective ministry and leadership.

DPRM- 404 Church Growth and Planting

A course designed to introduce Biblical, cultural, historical, and strategic concepts of both a theoretical and practical nature which will provide a broad based orientation to the varied dimensions of starting churches.

DPRM 418- Marriage and Family (3 Credits)

This course is a study to explore the dynamics of family relationships, particularly from the viewpoint of family counseling and therapy. The course focuses on knowledge and skills such as theology and marriage and the family, problems of divorce and remarriage, courtship and mate selection, and the theory and technique of family therapy.

DPRM 430 Evangelism (3 Credits)

A course dealing with the evangelistic dimensions of the pastoral ministry in preaching, counseling, teaching, visitation, and training the laity for outreach.

DPRM 449- Spiritual Issues in Substance Abuse (3 Credits)

Most self-help programs refer to the higher power. This course identifies the spiritual issues associated with seeking a higher power from a uniquely Christian perspective.

DPRM 461 Prayer (3 Credits)

A study designed to assist the student in evaluating and developing a life of prayer. Various approaches to prayer that have been described in Scripture and by Christian leaders are explored.

PRACTICE OF MINISTRY ELECTIVES

DPRM 405 Crisis Intervention (3 Credits)

A study to acquaint the student with the nature, and dynamics of crisis situations. Emphasis is placed upon intervention and procedures in the context of situational crises. The approach includes the concept of training laymen for basic crisis intervention.

DPRM 304 Educational Ministries of the Church (3 Credits)

A study designed to introduce the student to the historical, philosophical, and theological basis of the educational ministries of the church. Includes a study of the basic principles and practices of organization and administration of these ministries, with emphasis on implementing programs to meet the needs of the learner through his or her life span.

DPRM 340 Sermon Preparation (3 Credits)

This course is designed to instruct the student in the proper interpretation and presentation of biblical material through preaching. Basic communication skills and sound principles of hermeneutics of Scripture are addressed, and attention is given to the biblical perspective of preaching, principles of sermon construction, and sermon delivery.

DPRM 402 Discipleship and Small Group Study (3 Credits)

A study of how to develop and direct discipleship and small group programs within the church. Includes small-group principles, dynamics, and problems. Also considers the way Christian disciples are developed and gives practical guidelines for implementing discipleship in the church.

DPRM 454 Ministering to Youth (3 Credits)

This course is an overview of youth ministry within the local church including foundations for ministry, roles and relationships of the youth minister, and administrative principles and strategies.

DPRM 460 Church Administration (3 Credits)

This course teaches the duties of ministry, personal management, the nature of leadership as it relates to leading in the church, managing people, management in church and strategic planning.

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