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就讓自己達到美好的境地，並且在基督耶穌裡的信仰上
大有膽量。

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Introduction

The Chinese Baptist School of Church Leadership (CBSCL) is a theological training center authorized by the ADVANCE program of Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention. Distinguished by its Chinese-English bilingual curriculums, volunteer church leadership focus, affordability, and ministry emphasis, CBSCL fills a need unmet by other theological institutions.

As an ADVANCE center focusing on training volunteer leaders of Chinese Baptist churches in English-speaking countries, CBSCL seeks to fill an educational vacuum unfilled by degree programs of seminaries. Because of their employment and ministry calling, volunteer church leaders often find the time and financial commitment required by traditional seminary programs to be unsuitable for their immediate needs. The ADVANCE certificate and diploma programs allow such volunteer leaders to focus their learning on a ministry specialty that is most relevant to them while acquiring an essential biblical-theological foundation.

Students can complete a ministry certificate by taking four regular 3-credit courses. An ADVANCE ministry diploma may be earned by completing two ministry certificates, that is, eight regular 3-credit courses. A ministry diploma is typically earned by combining a ministry certificate - in an area such as discipleship, teaching ministry, or leadership - and a theological foundation certificate that includes introductions to New Testament, Old Testament, Christian Theology, and Baptist Heritage. Regular 3-credit courses are 12 weeks long. There are three terms - Spring, Summer, and Fall - per calendar year. Taking only one course per term, with a time commitment of about 8 hours per week, students could earn a ministry certificate in less than 1.5 years and a ministry diploma in less than 3 years. Should they desire to further their studies, CBSCL graduates may recognize 10 credits towards a master-level degree program of Gateway Seminary.

Course tuition will be kept very low, at about 20% of a seminary master-level degree program. Non-credit courses focusing on specific ministry needs will also be offered. All courses are delivered online, with some synchronously via online meetings and some in flex-time asynchronous format via recorded videos. Some courses may provide optional in-person meeting opportunities for students and instructors.

Compared with other Chinese-based alternatives of theological education opportunities, CBSCL course offerings also show stronger emphasis on practical ministry specialties, appealing more directly to the needs of volunteer ministry leaders.

Mission

The Chinese Baptist School of Church Leadership (CBSCL) seeks to provide an educational, training, and supporting platform for church leaders worldwide, with a focus on volunteer leaders of overseas Chinese Baptist churches in English-speaking countries. Founded as a ministry of the Chinese Baptist Fellowship of the United States and Canada (CBF USA-Canada), CBSCL is authorized by Gateway Seminary to offer credit courses in Chinese through its ADVANCE program for a comprehensive range of church ministry specialties.

More information about the Chinese Baptist Fellowship of the United States and Canada is available at its website <https://ChineseBaptists.org/>

More information about Gateway Seminary and the ADVANCE program can be found at its web site <https://www.gs.edu/academics/degrees/advance/>

Doctrinal Policy Statement

CBSCL is an educational ministry authorized by Gateway Seminary. The Baptist Faith and Message 2000 (BF&M), as adopted and amended by the Southern Baptist Convention, is the doctrinal statement of Gateway Seminary. All instructors of CBSCL have agreed to teach according to the BF&M. CBSCL welcomes men and women training for

Christian ministry, including those from other denominations with different doctrinal positions, to enroll in any program for which the student is qualified. While respecting differences among churches and denominations, our admission policies and curriculum reflects the doctrinal statement on gender issues of Gateway Seminary.

The Baptist Faith and Message 2000 is available at: <https://bfm.sbc.net/bfm2000/>.

Admission Requirements

ADVANCE Students must be 18 years old and have been a Christian for at least 1 year.

New students will need a church endorsement submitted from their pastor and will need to pay a \$30 new student application fee to CBSCL. They will also need to sign and submit the Ethical Conduct Standard agreement to CBSCL.

You may apply online at <https://www.gs.edu/advstudent>. Alternatively, you may apply via a Chinese-based application at the CBSCL website <https://cbscl.org/>.

ADVANCE Students do not need to select a specific program on their application for admission but may pursue any of our various certificate, diploma, and leadership diploma programs once admitted.

Some students attend multiple ADVANCE centers to take a fuller course load. Such students will need to complete a [Dual Enrollment Form](#) and designate their home center to maintain a student file for them and help them with their program progress.

The admission deadline is the same as the Add/Drop date of each term.

Tuition and Fees

CBSCL charges \$60 per credit hour.

Students also pay a \$30 new student application fee when first applying.

Certificate recipients pay nothing to receive a certificate, once their course requirements are met and the appropriate paperwork is filed. Current graduation fees & late graduation application fees for diploma students, and transcript fees for all students, can be found [here](#) under “Other Fees (non-refundable).”

Graduation

If you have completed all of the course requirements for an ADVANCE Diploma (24 credits) or ADVANCE Leadership Diploma (48 credits), please submit an [ADVANCE Diploma Application](#) by the deadline to avoid the \$50 late fee. Deadlines are listed in the Los Angeles-Ontario Campus Calendar, located near the end of the current year's [Academic Catalog](#). If you miss the initial deadlines, Graduation Applications will continue to be accepted for additional several weeks with a late fee. The final deadline for Graduation Applications is also listed in the Los Angeles-Ontario Campus Calendar. Graduation fees should be paid to your ADVANCE center.

If you have completed all of the course requirements for an ADVANCE Certificate (12 credits), please submit an [ADVANCE Certificate Application](#) by September for Fall or by February for Spring. There are no fees for receiving a certificate.

For both the Graduation Application and the Certificate Completion Form, please make sure you have completely filled out these forms before submitting. They will not be accepted until they are completely filled out, signed, and dated.

Transfer Credit

You can transfer credits from other ADVANCE centers. Some students attend multiple centers to take a fuller course load. Such students will need to complete a [Dual Enrollment Form](#) and designate their home center to maintain a student file for them and help them with their program progress.

Up to 10 hours of ADVANCE electives can transfer into several of the master's programs at Gateway Seminary. Some Bible colleges have accepted up to 24 or 48 hours of ADVANCE credit, while others have not accepted any. While Gateway Seminary is an ATS accredited institution, ADVANCE is not an accredited program. Other institutions have varying policies about whether or not they will accept ADVANCE credit, so please check with them about their specific transfer policies. If you need to request a transcript, you can download the transcript request form, and other ADVANCE student forms [here](#).

Online Learning Platform

CBSCL courses are delivered online via the LearnWorlds platform (<https://learnworlds.com>). Students participate in courses by logging into their LearnWorlds accounts. Please refer to the LearnWorlds online documentation for the end user system requirements.

Students are expected to communicate with the course instructor using LearnWorlds messaging. In addition, they may also communicate using email or other messaging channels specified in the course syllabus.

The content of a course typically consists of pre-recorded video lectures, online learning activities, weekly readings, assignments, and quizzes. Some courses may have required weekly meetings held on Zoom (<https://www.zoom.com>).

Some courses might have English-based online learning activities and weekly readings. Students may choose to submit their written assignments in Chinese or English. The online learning activities may include forum discussion, which students may participate either in Chinese or English.

Either Mandarin or Cantonese may be the primary language used for pre-recorded video lectures and Zoom meetings. The primary language of a course is spelled out by the syllabus. Courses without Zoom meetings may have pre-recorded video lectures available in both Mandarin and Cantonese.

Registration

CBSCL students enroll into courses using the LearnWorlds system.

The first two weeks of a course are considered the trial preview period. The Monday of the third week is the deadline to enroll into a course.

Tuition fee payment is handled by the LearnWorlds system when students enroll in a course.

Tuition paid will not be refundable. Students unable to finish a course may request an incomplete status and retake the course at a later term by paying a discounted re-enrollment tuition fee.

Grading

Attendance & Participation

Class attendance and participation are an essential part of the educational process. Attendance of at least 75% of assigned contact or activity hours is required to receive a passing grade. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Student Relations Committee. In every course, the student is responsible for the mastery of all that is required for

credit. Specific attendance requirements are established in some courses, depending upon their nature and content. Students should refer to course syllabi for specific attendance and participation expectations.

Incompletes

Under exceptional circumstances, students unable to finish the coursework in time may request an incomplete status before the end date of the term. If the course is not completed within four weeks following the close of the term, the grade becomes “F”.

Course Repeat

Any class can be repeated if the student chooses to do so, no matter what grade was earned, although the course will count towards degree requirements only once. No elective hours will be given for repeated coursework.

All grades remain on the transcript with only the highest grade earned used in the cumulative GPA calculation. Responsibility for unintentionally repeated courses is not assumed by the Seminary.

Grades

We recognize that grades do not give a complete picture of a person’s qualification for ministry. The grade of a student’s work is based on whether its quality will provide adequate preparation for ministry.

While the following scoring table is generally followed in assigning grades, the grading criteria for each course is unique.

| Grade | Score |
|-------|--------|
| A | 94-100 |
| A- | 90-93 |
| B+ | 87-89 |
| B | 83-86 |
| B- | 80-82 |
| C+ | 77-79 |
| C | 73-76 |
| C- | 70-72 |
| D | 65-69 |
| F | 0-64 |

Academic Calendar

Fall 2024

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| Fall term begins | Monday, September 23 |
| Last date to enroll | Monday, October 7 |
| Fall term ends | Friday, December 20 |

Spring 2025

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| Spring term begins | Monday, January 20 |
| Last date to enroll | Monday, February 3 |
| Spring term ends | Friday, April 18 |

Summer 2025

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| Summer term begins | Monday, May 19 |
| Last date to enroll | Monday, June 2 |
| Summer term ends | Friday, August 15 |

Essential Leadership Competencies

The following competencies do not assume that students come to CBSCL bereft of prior spiritual commitment or formative spiritual experience. On the contrary, CBSCL only admits persons who are already followers of Jesus who are called to serve God as leaders of faith communities and godly ministries. As a result, admission requires a personal statement of faith and an articulation of a call to serve the Kingdom of God and the people of God. Admission also requires endorsement by a faith community in which the student has already served, and which has seen evidence of a personal faith, a divine calling and a capacity to lead.

Also, CBSCL understands that the time students spend at the Seminary is preparatory to a lifetime of faithful learning, living and leading. Seminary studies are neither the beginning of one's faith walk, nor its climax.

Rather, it is a period during which a committed individual engages in a directed and focused effort to expand and enhance their capacity to serve as a Christian leader, acquiring understanding, disciplines, knowledge and skills that will serve them well in their present and future ministry endeavors. CBSCL builds on prior, enables current, and sets the stage for future personal, spiritual, intellectual, and professional growth.

The competencies listed below highlight knowledge, disciplines, and skills acquired, exercised, and enhanced while at this school. However, the educational pursuit of these competencies operates with the understanding that such behaviors are revelatory of Christian character. Love for God and others reveals itself in the commitment to serve, in the concern to evangelize, in the desire to do the work of the Kingdom. Personal godliness is evidenced by embracing and living out the Seminary's code of conduct. Personal integrity is expressed through diligence and honesty in the completion of assigned educational and ministry tasks. Persistent engagement in the preparation for and conducting of ministry, perseverance through difficult circumstances and personal hardships reveal a passion for service and a godly courage. In these and many other ways the things that we do, the behaviors that characterize our lives, reveal who we are.

With this understanding of the nature and context of its task, the following listing of Essential Leadership Competencies expresses the primary competencies essential for one prepared to lead a community of faith in service to God and to the world to the glory of God.

| Competencies | Label |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Performs ministry with an awareness of personal calling, gifting, and theological reflection. | Self-Aware |
| 2. Faithfully interprets and applies the Bible. | Biblically Literate |
| 3. Ministers out of an historical awareness of the faith and its expressions. | Historically Grounded |
| 4. Ministers based on theological convictions expressive of evangelical thought. | Theologically Grounded |
| 5. Grasps evangelical convictions to confront moral issues. | Ethically Grounded |
| 6. Adept at the discovery, evaluation and use of information pertinent to ministry. | Well-Informed Minister |

Programs

Overview of Programs

CBSCL operates under the ADVANCE Ministry Preparation program of Gateway Seminary. ADVANCE (formerly Contextualized Leadership Development or CLD) provides quality, Bible-based ministry training in a geographically convenient and contextualized setting. Each center is established under a cooperative agreement with Gateway Seminary, local Baptist churches, association(s), state/ regional conventions and ethnic fellowships.

To meet the challenge of equipping church leadership to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ, we stand ready and willing to provide a means of training in local churches, Baptist associations, Baptist state/regional conventions or wherever there is a need. Equipping leaders for evangelism, church planting, pastoring and church leadership are at the heart of ADVANCE training.

ADVANCE seeks to enable students to:

1. Demonstrate courageous growth in obedience to and love for Jesus and His ways.
2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of Scripture and its faithful interpretation and application.
3. Demonstrate a life lived in connection to and service within a church and its associational, national, and global missional networks.
4. Demonstrate a focused sense of giftedness, passion, and competence in ministry.
5. Demonstrate a passion for local and global fulfillment of the Great Commission.
6. Demonstrate a capacity to relate effectively with people.
7. Demonstrate a relevant vision and plan for a specific context of service.

Structurally, ADVANCE is built on certificate and diploma programs:

1. A series of 12-hour ministry-specific certificates that are made up of four 3-hour courses that provide training in specific areas of ministry.
2. A 24-hour Diploma is a combination of two certificates, consisting of eight 3-hour courses.
3. A 48-hour leadership diploma is a combination of four certificates: a ministry-specific certificate, Introduction to Christian Studies Certificate, Intermediate Christian Studies Certificate, and Leadership in Ministry Certificate. It consists of 16 3-hour courses.

Christian Ministry Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Christian Ministry track enables students to develop their ministerial leadership identity and skills. Students may study Christian Ministry at three levels: 1) the certificate (CMC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (CMD-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (CML-A) with 48 hours of study. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Christian Ministry Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
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| Electives | 12 |
| CMC-A Total Hours | 12 |

Christian Ministry Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| CMD-A Total Hours | 24 | |

Christian Ministry Leadership Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--|-----------|-------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| CML-A Total Hours | 48 | |

Biblical Greek Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Biblical Greek track provides students with an opportunity to focus on Biblical Greek in order to acquire essential skills for effective Bible study, preaching, and teaching in a local church setting. Students may study Biblical Greek at three levels: 1) the certificate (BGC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (BGD-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (BGL-A) with 48 hours of study. The first three courses should be taken in sequence. All other courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Biblical Greek Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Introduction to Biblical Greek I | CLS1411 | 3 |
| Introduction to Biblical Greek II | CLS1412 | 3 |
| Biblical Greek Exegesis | CLS2400 | 3 |

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| Making Disciples | CLE2371 | |
| or History of the Bible | CLL2132 | 3 |
| BGC-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Biblical Greek Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| or Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| BGD-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Biblical Greek Leadership Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| or Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| BGL-A Total Hours | | 48 |

Biblical Hebrew Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Biblical Hebrew track provides students with an opportunity to focus on Biblical Hebrew in order to acquire essential skills for effective Bible study, preaching, and teaching in a local church setting. Students may study Biblical Hebrew at three levels: 1) the certificate (BHC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (BHD-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (BHL-A) with 48 hours of study. The first three courses should be taken in sequence. All other courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Biblical Hebrew Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I | CLS1211 | 3 |
| Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II | CLS1212 | 3 |

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|--------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Biblical Hebrew Exegesis | CLS2200 | 3 |
| Making Disciples | CLE2371 | |
| or History of the Bible | CLL2132 | 3 |
| BHC-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Biblical Hebrew Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| or Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| BHD-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Biblical Hebrew Leadership Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| or Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| BHL-A Total Hours | | 48 |

Children Ministry's Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Children's Ministry track equips students to apply biblical knowledge and specific tools to minister to and disciple children in their local church or in a parachurch organization. Students may study Children's Ministry at three levels: 1) the certificate (CDC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (CDD-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (CDL-A) with 48 hours of study. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Children's Ministry Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Ministry to Children | CLE2613 | 3 |
| Introduction to Early Childhood Education | CLE2611 | 3 |

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| Lifespan Development | CLE1112 | 3 |
| Making Disciples | CLE2371 | 3 |
| CDC-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Children's Ministry Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1211 CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| CDD-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Children's Ministry Leadership Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1211 CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| CDL-A Total Hours | | 48 |

Christian Studies Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Christian Studies track equips lay leaders and potential ministers with a strong foundation in biblical study and Christian life and thought. Students may study Christian Studies at two levels: 1) certificate (ICS-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies (NCS-A) completes the diploma (CSD-A) with 24 hours of study. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate and diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Introduction to Christian Studies Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1211 CLL1212 | 3 |

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| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| ICS-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Intermediate Christian Studies Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| or Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | |
| or History of the Bible | CLL2132 | 3 |
| NCS-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Christian Studies Diploma

CSD-A Total Hours 24

Church Education Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Church Education track equips students with biblical knowledge and specific tools to serve in an administrative capacity in their local church. Students may study Church Education at three levels: 1) the certificate (CEC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (CED-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (CEL-A) with 48 hours of study. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Church Education Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Educational Ministry of the Church | CLE1412 | 3 |
| Lifespan Development | CLE1112 | 3 |
| Principles of Church Growth | CLE1411 | 3 |
| Making Disciples | CLE2371 | 3 |
| CEC-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Church Education Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| or Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| CED-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Church Education Leadership Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| CEL-A Total Hours | | 48 |

Church Planting Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Church Planting track is designed to give church planters greater insight and instruction in church planting methods. These programs will provide students with church planting knowledge and tools that can help to ensure a higher level of success in church planting. Students may study Church Planting at three levels: 1) the certificate (CPC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (CPD-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (CPL-A) with 48 hours of study. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Church Planting Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Introduction to Church Planting | CLI1313 | 3 |
| Developing a Church Plant | CLI2352 | 3 |
| Introduction to Preaching | CLP1411 | 3 |
| Making Disciples | CLE2371 | 3 |
| CPC-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Church Planting Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| CPD-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Church Planting Leadership Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| CPL-A Total Hours | | 48 |

Discipleship Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Discipleship track equips students to apply biblical knowledge and specific tools to develop disciples in their churches and daily lives. Students may study Discipleship at three levels: 1) the certificate (DSC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (DSD-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (DSL-A) with 48 hours of study. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Discipleship Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Foundations of Ministry | CLP1111 | 3 |
| Basic Evangelism | CLI1311 | 3 |
| Working with Small Groups | CLI2324 | 3 |
| Making Disciples | CLE2371 | 3 |
| DSC-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Discipleship Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| DSD-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Discipleship Leadership Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| DSL-A Total Hours | | 48 |

Leadership in Ministry Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Leadership in Ministry track equips students for a deeper journey into leadership development. It will guide students in further understanding of their ministry leadership identity and skills through spiritual formation. Students may study Christian Studies at two levels: 1) certificate (LMC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (LMD-A) with 24 hours of study. Leadership courses are required curriculum for every 48 hour Leadership Diploma. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Leadership in Ministry Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| LMC-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Leadership in Ministry Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| LMD-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Ministry Essentials Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Ministry Essentials track will enable students to develop their ministerial skills with the greatest level of flexibility in course selection in order to acquire a diversity of essential skills for effective ministry. This certificate and diploma track is intended for, but not limited to, conference course credits. Any course may apply toward the certificate (12 hrs) and diploma (24 hrs) level. Courses cannot be counted twice toward equivalent level programs.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate and diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Ministry Essentials Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Electives | | 12 |
| MEC-A Total Hours | | 12 |

Ministry Essentials Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Electives | | 24 |
| MED-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Philosophy & Apologetics Programs

Description

The Philosophy & Apologetics track provides students with an opportunity to focus on philosophical principles essential for effective evangelism, preaching, and teaching in a local church. Students may study Philosophy & Apologetics at three levels: 1) the certificate (PAC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (PAD-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (PAL-A) with 48 hours of study. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Philosophy & Apologetics Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|------------------------|----------|-------|
| Christian Philosophy | CLL1310 | 3 |
| Christian Ethics | CLL1411 | 3 |
| Christian Apologetics | CLL3415 | 3 |
| Philosophical Theology | CLL1312 | |
| or Making Disciples | CLE2371 | 3 |

PAC-A Total Hours 12**Philosophy & Apologetics Diploma**

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |

PAD-A Total Hours 24**Philosophy & Apologetics Leadership Diploma**

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|--|---------|---|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |

DSL-A Total Hours 48

Transformational Teaching Programs

Description

The ADVANCE Transformational Teaching track gives students greater insight into the content and message of the Bible, including ways of presenting the Bible more effectively. Students may study Transformational Teaching at three levels: 1) the certificate (TTC-A) is comprised of 12 hours of study; 2) adding 12 hours of Christian Studies completes the diploma (TTD-A) with 24 hours of study; 3) an additional 24 hours completes the leadership diploma (TTL-A) with 48 hours of study. Courses may be taken in any order.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete ADVANCE entry requirements as a regular student. This certificate, diploma and leadership diploma may be earned in addition to other programs or as a skill set without a program.

Course Requirements

Transformational Teaching Certificate

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| Principles and Approaches to Bible Teaching | CLE1113 | 3 |
| How to Understand the Bible/Hermeneutics | CLS2521 | 3 |
| Educational Ministry of the Church | CLE1412 | 3 |
| Making Disciples | CLE2371 | 3 |

TTC-A Total Hours 12

Transformational Teaching Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Old Testament Survey | CLS1114 | 3 |
| New Testament Survey | CLS1314 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Baptist Heritage and Practice | CLL1113 | 3 |
| TTD-A Total Hours | | 24 |

Transformational Teaching Leadership Diploma

| Course Title | Course # | Hours |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Exegesis in the Old Testament | CLS2100 | 3 |
| Exegesis in the New Testament | CLS2300 | 3 |
| Christian Theology I | CLL1211 | |
| <i>or</i> Christian Theology II | CLL1212 | 3 |
| Survey of Christian History | CLL1111 | 3 |
| Ministry Leadership and Administration | CLE1310 | 3 |
| Conflict Management in Ministry | CLE2117 | 3 |
| Effective Communication | CLP3440 | 3 |
| Ministry of Supervision | CLP2131 | 3 |
| TTL-A Total Hours | | 48 |

Courses

Biblical Studies Courses

CLS1114 Old Testament Survey

3 hours

This course is a foundational introduction to the content, background, interpretations, and critical studies of the Old Testament, with a survey and study of each of the books of the Old Testament.

CLS1211 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I

3 hours

Part one of a two-semester course designed to provide an introduction to the grammar, syntax, and translation of biblical Hebrew. It provides the foundation for proper exegetical study of the Hebrew Old Testament, particularly in a ministerial context. The first semester focuses on the rudiments of Hebrew and beginning translation and vocalization.

CLS1212 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II

3 hours

Part Two of a two-semester course designed to provide an introduction to the grammar, syntax and translation of biblical Hebrew. It provides the foundation for proper exegetical study of the Hebrew Old Testament. The second semester focuses on advancing the students' facility with the language toward more knowledgeable translation and exegesis as preparation for further study and ministerial practice.

CLS1314 New Testament Survey

3 hours

An introduction to the background, content, careful examination, and interpretation of the New Testament.

CLS1411 Introduction to Biblical Greek I

3 hours

Part one of a two-semester introduction to the Koine Greek language designed to develop reading ability and to serve as a foundation for exegetical study of the Greek New Testament. The first semester focuses on the rudiments of Greek and beginning translation and vocalization.

CLS1412 Introduction to Biblical Greek II

3 hours

Part two of a two-semester introduction to the Koine Greek language designed to develop reading ability and to serve as a foundation for exegetical study of the Greek New Testament. The second semester focuses on advancing the students' facility with the language toward more knowledgeable translation and exegesis as preparation for further study and ministerial practice.

CLS2100 Exegesis in the Old Testament

3 hours

An intensive study designed to further the student's competency in exegesis and understanding the content, background, and message of the Old Testament. This will be done through the select examination of one representative book from each of the three divisions of the Hebrew canon of the Old Testament: Torah, Prophets, and Writings.

CLS2200 Biblical Hebrew Exegesis

3 hours

This course is an exegesis of the Hebrew text [Book name, e.g. Ruth] with additional study of Hebrew grammar and syntax beyond that undertaken in the Introduction to Biblical Hebrew.

CLS2300 Exegesis in the New Testament

3 hours

An intensive study of the background and content of the Book of Acts and a gospel or a Major Epistle. Special emphasis on the history and development of the early church, along with the resulting problems. Attention will be paid to finding valid applications to modern ministry.

CLS2400 Biblical Greek Exegesis

3 hours

An exegesis of a designated New Testament text [Book name, e.g. Philippians] with additional study of Greek grammar and syntax beyond that undertaken in Introduction to Biblical Greek.

CLS2521 How to Understand the Bible/Biblical Hermeneutics

3 hours

A course designed to further the student's understanding of hermeneutical principles and develop his or her skills in interpreting Scripture.

Christian Life and Thought Courses

CLL1111 Survey of Christian History

3 hours

This course presents an overview of the history of Christianity from the Patristic period to the current age of Global Christianity with the purpose of providing insights into the past that will enhance the student's growth in ministry leadership in the present and future.

CLL1113 Baptist Heritage and Practice

3 hours

This course is a study of Baptist origins, development, doctrines, confessions, polity, leaders, and current trends. This course emphasizes the history and state of Southern Baptist (SBC) life relative to the cultural context of the ADVANCE center offering the course.

CLL1211 Christian Theology I

3 hours

An introduction to Christian Theology focusing on its nature, task, method, and application followed by a survey of the doctrines of Revelation, the Triune God, Creation, Humanity, and Sin.

CLL1212 Christian Theology II

3 hours

An introduction to Christian theology, surveying the doctrines of Christ, Salvation, the Spirit, the Church, and Eschatology, including an additional focus on the ethical implications of Christian thought and practice.

CLL1310 Christian Philosophy

3 hours

An introductory study of Christian philosophy, including an overview of the history of ideas and worldviews. Topics will include faith and reason, the existence of God, science, evil, and the basis for knowledge and values.

CLL1312 Philosophical Theology

3 hours

A study of the use of philosophical methods in developing, articulating, and analyzing theological concepts, particularly within the Christian tradition. A survey of the history of philosophical methods and concepts in theology.

CLL1411 Christian Ethics

3 hours

A study of the biblical presuppositions and principles of Christian ethics and their application to major social institutions and problems.

CLL3415 Christian Apologetics

3 hours

Christian apologetics is the reasoned defense and proclamation of the Christian faith. This course will examine the biblical foundations, practice, and arguments cogent to the discipline with a special emphasis on leading church leaders to confidently share and defend the faith and to develop church members who share and defend their faith on a regular basis.

Educational Leadership Courses

CLE1112 Life Span Development

3 hours

In an overview of developmental psychology, this course gives a comparison of various theories of development as they apply to practice in our churches.

CLE1113 Principles and Approaches to Bible Teaching

3 hours

This course includes a study of the principles and methods of preparation, delivery, and evaluation for transformational Bible teaching. The course content includes a discussion of appropriate handling of the text and effective application of biblical principles. Attention will be given to multi-modal teaching and other key issues in effective teaching.

CLE1310 Ministry Leadership and Administration

3 hours

An introduction to the basic principles and methods of church leadership and administration. Unique aspects of biblical leadership and administration will be applied to the ministries and functions of a local church. Attention will also be given to leading in parachurch organizations and denominational agencies. Current resources and techniques will be examined.

CLE14111 Principles of Church Growth

3 hours

The purpose of this course is to explore the meaning of church growth and to prepare students to lead churches to grow both numerically and spiritually. The study will focus on church educational tasks and structures, and how these can be used to reach people. Emphasis is on the “how to” of implementing the Great Commission in a particular location.

CLE1412 The Educational Ministry of the Church

3 hours

An examination of the rationale for the ministry of Christian education. The study focuses on what is happening to people through the principles and methods of organizing, administering, promoting, and improving the education strategy of the local church.

CLE2117 Conflict Management in Ministry

3 hours

A study of various types of conflict found in the local church and the dynamics of ministering in the midst of conflict. Emphasis will be placed on examining a biblical approach to understanding conflict, identifying causes of conflict, and developing strategies in preventing and resolving conflict. Tools for assessing individuals and systems that contribute to conflict, creating pastoral care interventions for redemptive management, and minimizing the destructive consequences of church conflict will be studied.

CLE2371 Making Disciples

3 hours

This course explores the process of spiritual development as well as methods of discipleship practiced in the church. Students will examine the biblical backgrounds of discipleship and the role of spiritual disciplines, community, development of spiritual gifts, and accountability in spiritual growth.

CLE2611 Introduction to Early Childhood Education

3 hours

An introduction to early childhood education for the purpose of developing church preschools and child-care programs to minister to young children through the local church. It includes an examination of the history and philosophy of early childhood practice, developmentally appropriate curriculum, stimulating learning environments, effective teaching methods and classroom management.

CLE2613 Ministry to Children

3 hours

A study of child development with implications for religious instruction. Organizations for children in grades 1-6 will be studied.

CLE2999 Ministry Leadership Experience

1-3 hours

Ministry Leadership Experience is designed to utilize the content of various conferences as a launching point for a guided learning experience. The conference attended gives ADVANCE students academic credit based on attendance, notes, a post conference dialogue, and a personal reflection paper. (Conference registration and conference fees normally do not include course registration and course tuition).

Global Missions Courses

CLI1311 Basic Evangelism

3 hours

A study of evangelism, including the biblical basis, historical methods, practical application, and principles for building an evangelistic church. The class lays a foundation for effectively sharing the gospel anywhere.

CLI1313 Introduction to Church Planting

3 hours

An intensive study of the essential aspects of church planting. Major attention will be given to theology, methodologies, and models of new church starts, with emphasis on continuing growth.

CLI2324 Working with Small Groups

3 hours

A course dealing with the background, administration, and dynamics of effective small groups. It will focus on how small groups have been used in evangelism and discipleship, along with expanding the reach of the local church.

Students will be exposed to planning, implementing, administering, and multiplying small groups within a ministry

CLI2352 Developing a Church Plant

3 hours

This is an intensive study of current methodology in starting new churches with major attention given to the best ways to initiate new congregations and how to nurture these new congregations to become self-sustaining and reproducing churches.

CLI2999 Ministry Leadership Experience

1-3 hours

Ministry Leadership Experience is designed to utilize the content of various conferences as a launching point for a guided learning experience. The conference attended gives ADVANCE students academic credit based on attendance, notes, a post conference dialogue, and a personal reflection paper. (Conference registration and conference fees normally do not include course registration and course tuition).

Leadership Formation Courses

CLP1111 Foundations of Ministry

3 hours

An entry course designed to assist students in developing the necessary personal, spiritual, and ministerial foundations for lifelong ministry. Students will engage in assessment of their gifts and passions in ministry and will encounter some basic approaches to effective ministry, such as strategic, financial, and physical planning for ministry; communication and relational skills; and team and staff building.

CLP1411 Introduction to Preaching

3 hours

This course covers planning, preparation, and presentation skills in preaching and teaching with an emphasis on learning by doing. It also covers learning styles, how to preach and teach for transformation, and how to communicate to different age groups and cultures.

CLP2131 Ministry of Supervision

3 hours

A study of the principles and dynamics of supervision as they relate to ministry staff and volunteers. The course focuses on supervision as ministry and investigates models of supervision, stages and systems in supervision, authority and accountability, guidance and direction, motivation, and conflict in the process of supervision.

CLP2514 Addiction Ministry

3 hours

An introduction to issues and concerns of substance and behavioral pattern addiction from a pastoral care perspective, with specific attention to ministry for those affected by addictions. The course will explore the dynamics of addiction and recovery, various forms of addictions, approaches to recovery, and the church's role in preventing addictions and promoting recovery.

CLP3440 Effective Communication

3 hours

An introduction to effective communication for ministry and leadership. This course will cover understanding the art of communication along with engagement and practice implementing important skills to improve conversations. Improved communication benefits ministry health and effectiveness in the Gospel.

CLP1121, CLP1122 Leadership in Ministry Practicum I & II

4 hours

The Leadership in Ministry Practicum course offers two consecutive semesters of experiential learning in leadership, ministry skills, and personal growth through field education and classroom reflection. Students design their own learning goals for the course through negotiating a covenant of learning with their field mentor and professor. The

student serves a minimum of 8 hours per week for 30 consecutive weeks in an approved ministry setting (church, ministry, or agency), with an approved field mentor, spiritual formation mentor, and ministry reflection group. The class meets weekly as a peer reflection group.

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