



PHILLIPS SEMINARY

MINISTRY TRAINING UPDATE

Please Note: We will start identifying these kinds of links as continuing education opportunities – even though the policy doesn't go into effect until January 1. If you have any questions, please contact the Penn Northeast Conference Office at 610-826-3113. Thank You!

All are welcome to take courses through the Ministry Training Program, whether seeking a certificate or not.

Please contact me if I can answer questions or you need more information. You can always take a look at our program and all we are offering [here](#).

Blessings,
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Important Dates

September 27: Session 6 Registration Deadline

October 15: Session 6 Courses Begin

December 20: 2019 Session 1 Registration Deadline

January 7: 2019 Session 1 Courses Begin

Courses that do not meet the minimum registration requirement will be postponed.

2018 Session 6 Course Offerings

October 15-December 9

Pastoral Care

Instructor: Rev. Darrell Vandervort

Pastors serve people in very vulnerable situations of illness, death, divorce, family conflict, loss of employment and other trials. This course will help students assess pastoral situations, reflect upon them, make referrals, and walk along side individuals to help them find God in their midst. It will also help students discover their own strengths and limitations in offering pastoral care.



The online course is from October 14 to December 9, 2018. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)



Utilizing Conflict

Instructor: Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian

The nature of church conflict will be examined using a variety of diagnostic scales and descriptors. Participants will also explore their personal response to conflict and their most likely strategic action. At the end of the course, students will be able to describe church conflict and set it in a theological context; recognize their preferred styles of managing conflict situations and how that affects their personal responses; identify appropriate intervention or non-intervention; and teach some conflict utilization skills that can be used in the congregation.

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Disciples History and Polity

Instructor: Dr. Kenneth Watson

This course is an exploration and analysis of the history, polity and characteristic beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The course will include the origins, development, growth and current status of the Disciples of Christ) and its related groups around the world; discussions of the characteristic beliefs and practices which make the Disciples of Christ a unique part of the universal church while celebrating the Disciples' ecumenical pilgrimage; and an awareness of how the polity of the Disciples of Christ works.

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2019 Session 1 Course Offerings

January 7- March 3



Evangelism

Instructor: Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

Need tools and training to articulate a theology of evangelism and to exegete the community and congregational culture in order to design and lead evangelism efforts?

This Evangelism course is not simply an online study about evangelism. Rather, it is an eight week training course that will give you the tools to evaluate and articulate your own theology of evangelism and to exegete both your community's and your congregation's culture in order to design and lead effective evangelism efforts.



The online course is from January 7-March 3, 2019. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)



Communication

Instructor: Kurt Gwartney, M.Div.

This course is a practical introduction to various marketing and communication tools helpful in ministry. The course will also help the student develop a theology of technology. Students will be expected to understand the pitfalls and promises of digital tools and their use in a variety of ministry settings.

Students will also develop the skills necessary to evaluate emerging digital tools for their effectiveness and how to promote ministries through targeted marketing and communication. The course will also cover the basics of creating and managing a communication strategy for ministry. Learners will be required to create online accounts for some projects.

The online course is from January 7- March 3, 2019. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)

World Religion

Instructor: Rev. Clement Graham

This course is a survey of the major world religions, with a focus on history of development, primary beliefs and practices, and cultural characteristics. Religions surveyed: Native American, African, Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Baha'i.

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2019 Ministry Training Course Offerings

Session1: January 7-March 3

Evangelism

Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

Communication

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World Religion

Rev. Clement Graham

Session 2: March 4-April 28**Overview of the Bible**

Rev. Susanna Weslie Southard

Christian Ethics

TBA

Administration and Planning

Dr. John Bracke

Session 3: April 29-June 23**Introduction to the New Testament***

Rev. Margot Pickett

Mission of the Church

Rev. David Avery

Disciples History and Polity

TBA

Session 4: June 24-August 18**Introduction to the Old Testament***

TBA

Theology

Dr. Trish Greeves

Utilizing Conflict

Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian

Ecumenism

June 24-July 14, 2019 (four weeks)

Dr. Andy Magnum

Session 5: August 19-October 13**Church History**

Rev. Jerry Albright

Pastoral Leadership

Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian

Stewardship

Dr. Ray Miles

Session 6: October 14-December 8**Disciples History and Polity**

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Christian Education and Leadership

Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian

Worship

Rev. Robert Kemp-Baird

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