



## Certificate in African American Ministry

**The Certificate in African American Ministry (CAAM)** provides theological, biblical, spiritual, and leadership training for women and men as pastoral leaders with attention to the twenty-first century African American congregational context. It supports those enrolled in the program to pursue excellence in core areas of ministerial practice. The program is a partnership of Lexington Theological Seminary, The Office of African American Clergy Leadership Development, and the National Convocation. It is funded in part by the *Thriving in Ministry* Project at LTS with a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

To accommodate busy schedules, students attend synchronous courses online (via Zoom) as well as four-day, in-person intensive courses\* at Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY, in the summer (these in-person gatherings are dependent upon changing circumstances pertaining to the COVID 19 pandemic). Upon successful completion of all 12 courses, students earn the Certificate in African American Ministry or they may apply them as continuing education (CEU) credits.

### **Admission and Program Costs**

The application for new students includes a nonrefundable \$25 application fee.

Additional costs are as follows:

online classes – \$75/course;

In-person courses – \$200/session  
(includes lunch).

To find the link to apply go to:

<https://www.lextheo.edu/certificate-in-african-american-ministry/>

### **Upcoming Courses in 2020-2021**

**October 16, 2020** / on Zoom 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
(Eastern Time) / **Welcome & Orientation**

**October 17 & 24, 2020** / each session held on  
Zoom 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) /  
**LM 100 - Evangelism & Missions**

**December 12 & 19, 2020** / each session held on  
Zoom 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) /  
**IS 100 - Old Testament**

**February 13 & 20, 2021** / each session held on Zoom 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) /  
**IS 110 - New Testament**

**April 17 & 24, 2021** / each session held on Zoom 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) /  
**IP 100 - History of Christianity & History & Polity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**June 7-11, 2021** / Summer Intensive on Lexington campus\*

Mornings: **LW 100 - Preaching**

Afternoons: **IF 100 - We Are One: Disciples Theology**

## Courses in the Certificate Program

The curriculum of the CAAM program addresses sixteen areas of ministerial practice, including: biblical knowledge, church administration and planning, communication, cross cultural and anti-racism experience, ecumenism, teaching and leader development, ethics, evangelism, mission of the Church in the world, pastoral care, preaching, spiritual development, stewardship, theology, and worship.

Over the course of enrollment, students in the Certificate program take the following courses:

IS 100 Old Testament  
IS 110 New Testament  
IB 100 Christian Social Ethics  
IB 110 Diversity in a Globalized World  
IF 100 We are One: Disciples Theology  
IP 100 History of Christianity & History  
& Polity of the Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
LC 100 Pastoral Care and Spiritual Growth  
LF 100 Principles of Christian Education  
LM 100 Evangelism and Missions  
LM 110 Administration & Stewardship  
LW 100 Preaching  
LW 110 Worship

## Leadership

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The mission of Lexington Theological Seminary is to prepare faithful leaders for the church of Jesus Christ and thus to strengthen the church's participation in God's mission for the world.

Lexington Theological Seminary seeks to be a servant of the church by preparing men and women for ministry in congregations through innovative instruction, a flexible curriculum, congregational experience and compassionate engagement with the needs of society. The Seminary offers an online program that is competency-based, congregation-centered and reflects its commitment to prepare people for leadership in congregational ministry.

As an integral part of the church, Lexington Theological Seminary serves the church as a theological resource and as a center of continuing education for clergy and lay leaders.



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