Tentative Schedule: Courses Needed For

Staff Ministry Certification

(1) Religion Courses
REL 1001 Biblical History and Literature I [online Spring 2014, 2017]
REL 1002 Biblical History and Literature II [online Spring 2015, 2018]
REL 2001 Biblical History and Literature III [online Spring 2016, 2019]
REL 3001 Christian Doctrine I [online Fall 2013, 2016]
REL 3002 Christian Doctrine II [online Fall 2014, 2017]
REL 4001 Lutheran Confessional Writings [online Fall 2015, 2018]

All six religion courses are offered online each summer.

(2) Ministry Courses
SMN 2001 The Theology and Practice of Ministry [*Foundations of Ministry*] [online Fall 2014, 2016]
SMN 2003 Biblical Interpretation [online Spring 2016, 2020]
SMN 3001 Introduction to Youth and Family Ministry [online Spring 2014, 2018]
SMN 3010 Foundations of Evangelism [on-campus Summer 2016, 2021]
SMN 3011 Congregational Assimilation & Retention [online Spring 2017, 2021]
SMN 3020 Parish Education [on-campus Summer 2013, 2018]
SMN 3030 Caring and Counseling [on-campus Summer 2017, 2022]
SMN 3031 Parish Visitation [online Spring 2015, 2019]
SMN 3040 Organization and Administration in the Parish [on-campus Summer 2015, 2020]
SMN 3042 Developing and Training Leadership [on-campus Summer 2014, 2019]

EDU 3215 Teaching Religion [on-campus or off-site every summer]
MUS 4201 Lutheran Worship [on-campus every summer]

(3) Field Experience
SMN4152 One-semester Internship [any semester]

The final part of a certification program is either a full-time internship for one semester, which is the normal requirement, or in exceptional cases a series of practica. In the case of an individual who has been called with the approval of the District President and is pursuing certification concurrently while serving in ministry, this requirement is waived after the successful completion of three years of service.

Online
Fall 2013: Christian Doctrine I
Spring 2014: Introduction to Youth and Family Ministry
Fall 2014: Foundations of Ministry, Christian Doctrine I
Spring 2015: Parish Visitation, Biblical History & Literature I
Fall 2014: Christian Doctrine II
Spring 2015: Biblical Interpretation, Biblical History & Literature II
Fall 2015: Lutheran Confessions
Spring 2016: Biblical Interpretation, Biblical History & Literature III

On-campus
Summer 2013: Parish Education
Summer 2014: Developing and Training Leadership
Summer 2015: Organization and Administration in the Parish
Summer 2016: Foundations of Evangelism
Summer 2017: Caring and Counseling

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