

# CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

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Increasingly, large numbers of capable and committed Christians express the need for more depth and background in knowledge and experience in order to serve Christ more effectively. They also want to understand and appreciate the dimensions of their own faith to a greater extent. Some are not certain about their future vocations. Certificate programs offer a limited course of study, giving individuals a basis for deciding whether a church vocation might be what God desires for them.

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## Certificate in Biblical Studies

The goal of this certificate, which emphasizes foundational coursework in biblical studies, is to nurture more informed, whole and holy people for the blessing of church congregations and their witness to the world. Its purpose is to strengthen faith and understanding, and to equip people to teach and lead with godly wisdom.

All three required courses must be taken at Bethel, and only courses taken for credit will apply toward the certificate. Coursework from other institutions is not transferable. After receiving this certificate, students who later choose to pursue a Bethel degree, may receive credit toward their specific degree program for courses taken, if applicable.

### Program Outcomes

1. A comprehensive understanding of biblical content, a discerning approach to biblical interpretation, and theological reflection informed by historical traditions.
2. Growth in emotional, spiritual, and relational health resulting in observable love for God and neighbor
3. Capacity and skills in area of biblical exegesis
4. Intercultural competence for the purpose of advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Intentional integration of faith, learning, life and practice.

### Certificate Requirements

| Code          | Title                            | Credits |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| BT 510        | Biblical Hermeneutics            | 4       |
| NT 516        | Reading New Testament Literature | 4       |
| OT 516        | Reading Old Testament Literature | 4       |
| Total Credits |                                  | 12      |

## Certificate in Children's, Youth, and Family Ministry

The Certificate in Children's, Youth and Family Ministry will provide students with a solid foundation for those serving in Children's, Youth and Family Ministry. The Certificate allows students to experience the leadership development offered at Bethel Seminary with a three course option. It will focus on developing the head, heart and hands of ministry leaders who serve children, youth and families in church and community. Should graduates wish to continue on into the M.A. in Children's, Youth and Families, their Certificate will fold seamlessly into this degree.

### Program Outcomes

1. A comprehensive understanding of biblical content, a discerning approach to biblical interpretation, and theological reflection informed by historical traditions.
2. Growth in emotional, spiritual, and relational health resulting in observable love for God and neighbor
3. The capacity and skills for effective ministry leadership
4. Intercultural competence for the purpose of advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Intentional integration of faith, learning, life and practice.

### Certificate Requirements

| Code          | Title                                                 | Credits |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| SP 540        | Spiritual and Personal Formation                      | 4       |
| CF 510        | Introduction to Children's, Youth and Family Ministry | 4       |
| CF 610        | Ministry with Families Throughout the Life Cycle      | 4       |
| Total Credits |                                                       | 12      |

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## Certificate in Theological Studies

The 12 credit Certificate in Theological Studies is offered for individuals who want more depth in biblical studies and theology to enhance their current ministries and occupations; for those needing biblical and theological studies for missions and parachurch organizations; or for individuals seeking direction regarding their future vocations who want a limited course of study to guide them in making a decision about vocational Christian ministry.

### Program Outcomes

1. A comprehensive understanding of biblical content, a discerning approach to biblical interpretation, and theological reflection informed by historical traditions.
2. Capacity and skills in the area of theology
3. Intentional integration of faith, learning, life and practice.
4. Intercultural competence for the purpose of advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Intentional integration of faith, learning, life and practice.

### Certificate Requirements

| Code          | Title                  | Credits |
|---------------|------------------------|---------|
| BT 510        | Biblical Hermeneutics  | 4       |
| TS 535        | Theology and Ethics I  | 4       |
| TS 536        | Theology and Ethics II | 4       |
| Total Credits |                        | 12      |



