

# CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

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.

## 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.

Code	Title	Credits
BT 510	Hermeneutics	3
NT 516	New Testament Survey: Narratives, Letters, and Revelation	3
OT 516	Old Testament Survey: Law, Prophets and Writings	3
Total Credits		9

## 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 four 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.

Code	Title	Credits
CF 510	Introduction to Children's, Youth and Family Ministry	3
CF 610	Ministry with Families throughout the Life Cycle	3
SP 525	Spiritual Formation for the Children's, Youth and Family Ministry Leader	3
PC 632	Pastoral Care of Children, Youth and Families	3
Total Credits		12

## Certificate in Theological Studies

The 24 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. The Certificate in Theological Studies comprises three core courses and five electives.

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
SP 001	Formation Assessments: Masters Level	0
SP 510	Introduction to Spiritual and Personal Formation	3
BT 510	Hermeneutics	3
TS 512	Systematic Theology I: God the Creator	3
or TS 513	Systematic Theology II: God the Redeemer	
Electives	Any master's level course at Bethel Seminary	15
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>24</b>