

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

36 Semester Credits – Online and In-Class

The Certificate in Ministry Leadership is designed to prepare students for volunteer or vocational ministry within churches and para-church organizations. Courses in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Practical Ministry ensure students have the necessary knowledge and skills to lead a broad range of ministries. Completion of the Certificate in Ministry Leadership meets the educational requirements for certification, licensing, and ordination credential levels with the Assemblies of God. Satisfaction for other credentialing groups should be verified by students prior to registration.

Courses:

- BIBL 1103 Old Testament History and Literature (3)
- BIBL 1203 New Testament History and Literature (3)
- BIBL 2553 Biblical Interpretation (3)
- BIBL 3253 Corinthian Correspondence (3)
- CMIN 2003 The Church in Ministry (3)
- PMIN 3513 Pastoral Care and Counseling (3)
- PMIN 4213 Preaching I (3)-
- PMIN 4263 Ministry Leadership (3)
- PMIN 4563 Ministry Administration (3)
- THEO 1213 Christian Thought (3)
- THEO 2503 Pentecostal Spirituality (3)
- THEO 3413 Theology of Ministry Essentials (3)

Tuition and Fees:

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- Registration Fee \$25
- Student Body Fee \$40
- Orientation Fee \$35 (one-time, new students only)
- Tuition \$334 per credit

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

BIBL 1203 NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY AND LITERATURE. [A prerequisite for all other New Testament Bible courses.] (Students with extensive prior knowledge of the Bible may have this waived by special examination.) A survey course of the New Testament. Beginning with a discussion of topics pertinent to the study of the New Testament (language, canon, text) and a review of its historical and social contexts, the course then examines in overview fashion the major literary units that form the New Testament: the Gospels and Acts; the Pauline and General Epistles; and the Revelation. All the New Testament books are studied with attention to matters of authorship, date, occasion for writing, structure and theological content.

BIBL 2553 BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION. A course in interpreting the Bible. This course provides an intellectual framework for biblical interpretation, develops skills for ongoing study of the Bible, and lays a foundation for communicating its message. It teaches general principles and methods which apply to Scripture as a whole as well as specific ones necessary to interpret certain types (genres) of biblical material such as narrative, epistle, poetry, and prophecy. Prerequisites: BIBL 1103 OT History & Literature, BIBL 1203 NT History & Literature, and ENGL 1023 MLA. Research Writing (preferred for College of Ministry students) or ENGL 1033 APA Research Writing.

CMIN 2002, 2003 THE CHURCH IN MINISTRY. An introductory study of what the church is and what it does. The study includes an overview of the biblical theology of the nature and mission of the church. The biblical teaching concerning ministry, including the giftedness of all believers for ministry and the concept of a divinely called clergy, is examined. The roles of various church leaders are explored and various functions and programs of the church are surveyed. [CMIN 2003 Limited to LEAP Program students.]

THEO 2503 PENTECOSTAL SPIRITUALITY. This course is an analysis of spiritual experiences through key Pentecostal beliefs regarding the personal nature of God, the end times (eschatology), God's gracious acts, and the call to participate with the work of God in creation. Important experiences including prayer, baptism, communion, and Spirit baptism will be investigated with the goal of knowing, loving, and communing more with God.

BIBL 1103 OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY AND LITERATURE. [A prerequisite for all other Old Testament Bible courses.] (Students with extensive prior knowledge of the Bible may have this waived by special examination. This must be done prior to taking other Bible courses.) An introduction to the Old Testament covering basic structure and content, a core history of Israel, interpretive approaches to the Old Testament, and the essential theological themes of the Old Testament.

PMIN 4213 PREACHING I. A comprehensive overview of the development and delivery of biblical sermons. Students gain preaching skills through learning effective methods of sermon preparation, the delivery of three in class sermons, and visiting several area congregations. This course examines many models of preaching including exegetical, topical, textual, biographical, and narrative sermons. Prerequisite: COMM 1212 Fundamentals of Speech, BIBL 2553 Biblical Interpretation and CMIN 3513 Principles and Methods of Teaching.

PMIN 4263 MINISTRY LEADERSHIP. A study of the theory and functions of leadership, motivation, strategic planning and change applied to the church and other ministry organizations. Special attention is given to the examination of the styles of leadership, theories of motivation, strategic planning processes, and methods of effective personal and organizational change.

THEO 1213 CHRISTIAN THOUGHT. [This course is a prerequisite to all other theology courses.] A study of basic Christian Doctrines as found in the evangelical expression of the Church with which the Assemblies of God in broad perspective identifies itself. The course focuses on Christian Doctrine as derived from orthodox/evangelical stances, with special attention given to the statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God.

BIBL 3253 CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE. A study of the correspondence between Paul and the developing urban church at Corinth. Prerequisites: BIBL 1203 NT History & Literature and BIBL 2553 Biblical Interpretation.

PMIN 3513 PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING Theological perspectives and psychological resources for care and counseling in the context of the local congregation. (Same as PCAR 3513)

PMIN 4563 MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION. A study of the theory and functions of organization, administration, management, and legal issues applied to the church and other ministry organizations. Special attention is given to the roles and responsibilities of ministry leaders such as boards and committees. Also covered are administrative processes; human relations and communication; the recruitment, training, and management of vocational and volunteer staff members; and the budgeting and allocation of resources.

THEO 3413 THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY ESSENTIALS. This course grounds the local church ceremonies and ordinances of infant dedication, water baptism, communion, weddings, and funerals in a biblical theology and guides the vocational minister in how to prepare for and conduct them. The course includes labs plus field trips to local churches and a mortuary.

ASSOCIATE IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

62 Semester Credits – Online and In-Class

*The Associate in Christian Leadership degree is awarded for the successful completion of a **two-year program (full-time)**, which focuses on Biblical Studies. Its shorter curriculum concentrates on subject matter, which can meet the needs of a person pursuing training in Christian ministry or a student seeking to develop a biblical worldview as the first step in their academic career.*

In every generation, God calls men and women to positions of leadership to serve His purposes in the church and in the world. It's the passion of Northwest University Sacramento Campus to train those God calls to succeed in such roles. Discipleship that strengthens one's spirit, informs one's faith, and is displayed in one's actions is the means by which this occurs.

Northwest University Sacramento's Associate in Christian Leadership degree serves this purpose. This degree can successfully prepare a student to effectively live out their faith in any vocation. It's also often used as a first step toward vocational ministry as it completes the requirements for entry-level service.

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THEO 1213 Christian Thought (3)

ENGL 1013 Composition I: Expository Writing (3)

ENGL 1023 Composition II: Rhetoric and Research (3)

COMM 1213 Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3)

Humanities - (ARTE), (BIBL), (DRAM), (ENGL), (HIST), (LANG), (MUSI), or (THEO) (3)

Social Sciences - (BUSM), (COMM, except COMM 1213), (ECON), (EDUC), (GEOG), (PEDU), (BMGT), (BMKT), (PHIL), (PSCI), (PSYC), or (SOCl) (3)

UCOR 1053 Identity and Vocation (3)

THEO 2503 Pentecostal Spirituality (3)

THEO 3413 Theology of Ministry Essentials (3)

BIBL 3253 Corinthian Correspondence (3)

CMIN 2002 Church in Ministry (2) OR CMIN 2203 Discipleship and Spiritual Formation (3)

PMIN 3513 Pastoral Care and Counseling (3)

PMIN 4213 Preaching I (3)

PMIN 4263 Ministry Leadership (3)

PMIN 4563 Ministry Administration (3)

General Electives (8/9)

Program Objectives:

In addition to the general goals of the University, completing this program provides learning opportunities which should enable the students to:

- Integrate biblical and theological knowledge with the practice of ministry and daily life
- Demonstrate biblical literacy and exegetical skills
- Effectively communicate the gospel
- Enter vocational ministry
- Live out a biblical worldview in a non-ministerial vocation
- Develop skills for life-long learning

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BIBL 3253 CORINTHIAN CORRESPONDENCE – [Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement] A study of the correspondence between Paul and the developing urban church at Corinth.

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CMIN 2203 DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION - An introduction to the systematic training of the Bible to the congregation of the local church. Current models of discipleship; Sunday School, Mid-week service, preaching, seminars and retreats are examined. Special attention is given to small group development. Administration and leadership development are also stressed in the course.

COMM 1213 FUNDAMENTALS OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION - A basic course in effective public speaking with special emphasis on choice and organization of material, audience analysis, sound reasoning, oral style, and delivery. Requires concurrent enrollment in lab SCIE 1210 Fundamentals of Speech Lab.

ENGL 1013 COMPOSITION I: EXPOSITORY WRITING – [Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement] This course develops the written skills and cognitive processes necessary for the production of effective discourse across the academy. Through the study of short stories and poetry, students will develop critical close reading skills and write formal and informal essays in response to their readings using the MLA style guide. This course will also expand the writing process to include meta-writing, multiple drafts, and revision and editing techniques. In addition to possessing a clear command of the outcomes necessary for successful completion of ENGL 1003, students will participate in in-class activities, reading responses, process drafts, multiple revisions, and other writing-intensive activities.

ENGL 1023 COMPOSITION II: RHETORIC AND RESEARCH WRITING – [Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement; General Education Writing option for all majors, including Science majors] A course that enables students to sharpen critical and analytical thinking skills through reading and writing. The course enables students to develop research skills using the Northwest University and other libraries and to develop the ability to analyze and present arguments. Although students compare Modern Language Association (MLA) and American Psychological Association (APA) formats, the writing standard is the APA.

PMIN 3513 PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING - Theological perspectives and psychological resources for care and counseling in the context of the local congregation.

PMIN 4213 PREACHING I - A comprehensive overview of the development and delivery of biblical sermons. Students gain preaching skills through learning effective methods of sermon preparation, the delivery of three in class sermons, and visiting several area congregations. This course examines many models of preaching including exegetical, topical, textual, biographical, and narrative sermons.

PMIN 4263 MINISTRY LEADERSHIP - A study of the theory and functions of leadership, motivation, strategic planning and change applied to the church and other ministry organizations. Special attention is given to the examination of the styles of leadership, theories of motivation, strategic planning processes, and methods of effective personal and organizational change.

PMIN 4563 MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION - A study of the theory and functions of organization, administration, management, and legal issues applied to the church and other ministry organizations. Special attention is given to the roles and responsibilities of ministry leaders such as boards and committees. Also covered are administrative processes; human relations and communication; the recruitment, training, and management of vocational and volunteer staff members; and the budgeting and allocation of resources.

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THEO 2503 PENTECOSTAL SPIRITUALITY – *[Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement]* This course is an analysis of spiritual experiences through key Pentecostal beliefs regarding the personal nature of God, the end times (eschatology), God’s gracious acts, and the call to participate with the work of God in creation. Important experiences including prayer, baptism, communion, and Spirit baptism will be investigated with the goal of knowing, loving, and communing more with God.

THEO 3413 THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY ESSENTIALS – *[Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement]* This course grounds the local church ceremonies and ordinances of infant dedication, water baptism, communion, weddings, and funerals in a biblical theology and guides the vocational minister in how to prepare for and conduct them. The course includes labs plus field trips to local churches and a mortuary.

UCOR 1052-3 IDENTITY AND VOCATION - As a Christian learning community Northwest University seeks to encourage each member of the community to develop a strong sense of personal identity and vision. This course will explore such topics as: What it means to be created in the image of God; What it means to recognize and develop one’s specific giftings and strengths; What it means to integrate one’s personal story into the larger redemptive narrative. The ultimate purpose of the course is to help students come to a better understanding of God’s specific calling in their lives.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PASTORAL MINISTRIES

125 Semester Credits – Online and In-class

The Pastoral Ministries program is designed to prepare students for full time vocational ministry in an environment that blends academic excellence, progressive spiritual formation, and service in local churches.

Course work takes place within a learning community comprised of supportive administration, hands-on faculty, and practicing pastors and ministry leaders. Courses equip students with strong components of biblical and theological understanding, essential skills in administration and leadership, basic understanding of church polity and legal issues, and effective preaching skills with a missional orientation. The program offers room for elective courses in Bible, leadership or specializations of your choice.

Students discover and experience foundational faith-values such as:

- *Innovation*
- *Creativity*
- *Inclusion*
- *Community*
- *Integration*
- *involvement*
- *inspiration*
- *celebration*
- *discernment*
- *spirituality*
- *gratefulness*

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- THEO 1213 Christian Thought (3)
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- COMM 1213 Fund of Speech Communication (3)
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- MATH xxxx College-level Mathematics (3)
- SCIE xxxx Science course with Lab (4)
- UCOR 1053 Identity and Vocation (3)
- BIBL 2113 Pentateuch (3)
- BIBL 2213 Jesus and the Synoptic Gospels (3)
- BIBL xxx3 3/4000 level Bible Electives (3) - BIBL 3253 Corinthians Correspondence
- THEO 2503 Pentecostal Spirituality (3)
- THEO 3213 Systematic Theology I (3)
- THEO 3223 Systematic Theology II (3)
- THEO 3413 Theology of Ministry Essentials (3)
- CMIN 2093 Evangelism, Outreach, and Mission (3)
- CMIN 2203 Intro to Discip & Spiritual Form (3)
- CMIN 3663 The Church in Contemporary Society (3)
- PMIN 3514 Pastoral Care & Counseling (3)
- CMIN 3941 Internship I (1)
- CMIN 4942 Internship II (2)
- CMIN 4952 Internship III (2)
- PMIN 3303 Ministry Life and Calling (3)
- PMIN 4213 Preaching I (3)
- PMIN 4223 Preaching II (3)
- PMIN 4263 Ministry Leadership (3)
- PMIN 4563 Ministry Administration (3)
- Electives (23)

Program Objectives:

Completing the pastoral major includes learning opportunities which enable students to:

- Integrate biblical and theological knowledge with the practice of ministry and daily life;
- Understand and apply leadership skills crucial to fulfilling the divine call and function of pastoral ministry;
- Acquire and practice effective preaching/teaching skills necessary for the implementation of pastoral service;
- Comprehend and apply essential leadership, organizational and administrative skills necessary for leading in a variety of ministry venues;
- Develop a philosophy of ministry that encompasses God, the church, family, self-understanding, a servant's heart and meaningful relationships

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BIBL 2113 PENTATEUCH – [*Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement*] A detailed study of the Pentateuch—Genesis through Deuteronomy—with special emphasis upon the covenant of God with Israel. Specific attention is given to the history of Pentateuchal studies.

BIBL 2213 JESUS AND THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS – [*Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement*] An examination of the nature and purpose of the Synoptic Gospels and of the life, teachings, and actions of Jesus. Following an introductory section treating methods of synoptic interpretation and the distinctive contributions of each evangelist, attention is directed to the synoptic portrayal of significant events in the life of Jesus. Consideration is also given to his teaching on such topics as the kingdom of God, ethics, discipleship, and eschatology as well as to the significance of his miraculous actions.

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CMIN 2093 EVANGELISM, OUTREACH, AND MISSION - This course focuses on the biblical perspective of mission including the understanding of *missio dei* and holistic evangelism strategies for all ages: children, youth, and adult. In addition, students will gain insights on how the local church should be involved in local, regional and international missions.

CMIN 2203 DISCIPLESHIP AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION - An introduction to the systematic training of the Bible to the congregation of the local church. Current models of discipleship; Sunday School, Mid-week service, preaching, seminars and retreats are examined. Special attention is given to small group development. Administration and leadership development are also stressed in the course.

CMIN 3663 THE CHURCH IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY - The Church in Contemporary Society. This course examines, through a theological and biblical lens, a variety of cultural, moral, and ethical topics relevant to contemporary North American society. These include sexual ethics, gender roles, Christian parenting, divorce and remarriage, wealth and possessions, and the problems of evil, death, and dying.

CMIN 3941 INTERNSHIP I - This is the first of a three-tier internship designed to correlate theoretical understandings gained through academic study of ministry with the practical application of those understandings in the local church. Attention is given to observation and participation in multiple ministry venues and enhancement of the student's personal leadership development through weekly debriefing and mentoring sessions with pastors and faculty.

CMIN 4942 INTERNSHIP II - This is the second of a three-tier internship program designed to integrate conceptual aspects of academic training with hands-on practice of ministry in the local church. The student will learn to develop a professional attitude toward constructive criticism, supervision and assessment. Under direct faculty and pastoral mentorship, the student leads a ministry in a local church while applying principles gleaned from pastoral and faculty evaluations designed to affirm and enhance their leadership effectiveness.

CMIN 4952 INTERNSHIP III - This is the third of a three-tier internship program integrating conceptual aspects of academic training with hands-on practice of ministry in the local church. Students develop and lead a specialized ministry in the church. In the process of serving, the student will learn to apply diagnostic problem-solving, planning, and leadership skills, as well as, graduate to a level of indirect pastoral and faculty supervision. Emphasis is placed on monthly mentoring appointments with the Senior Pastor of the church in which the student serves and has cohort debriefing sessions with University faculty.

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MATH 1103 MATHEMATICS FOR THE LIBERAL ARTS - *[Meets the Core Curriculum Requirement for mathematics.]* A foundational course designed for the liberal arts students. Emphasis is upon application of math to everyday problems, developing reasoning ability, and using technology appropriately. Topics include problem solving techniques in algebra, geometry, consumer applications, probabilities and statistics. Not available for credit if a higher level or higher numbered math has been taken, except MATH 2003 Introduction to Statistics.

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PMIN 4223 PREACHING II - This course builds on the skills developed in Preaching I and provides students enhanced skills for the development and delivery of biblical sermons that effectively reach both and non-churched listeners. Field-trip experiences and seminars in several of our nation's largest and most effective churches are a part of this course.

PMIN 3303 MINISTRY LIFE AND CALLING - A study of the divine call to vocational ministry and the skills, habits, and lifestyle necessary for an effective ministry career. Through biblical study, discussions, readings, research, and guests with a variety of professional ministry experiences, students will be empowered to fulfill a lifelong ministry calling. Attention will be given to professional and personal issues related to ministry.

PMIN 4263 MINISTRY LEADERSHIP - A study of the theory and functions of leadership, motivation, strategic planning and change applied to the church and other ministry organizations. Special attention is given to the examination of the styles of leadership, theories of motivation, strategic planning processes, and methods of effective personal and organizational change.

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SCIENCE – Science classes offered at the Sacramento campus may vary. For a full listing of possible science classes please refer to the current catalog.

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THEO 3213 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I – [Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement] An introduction to the study of theology and an examination of the doctrines of the Scriptures; of God, especially His nature and Godhead; of angels; of man, in particular his creation, nature and fall; and of sin, its nature and consequences.

THEO 3223 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II – [Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement] An examination of the doctrines of Christ, His nature and work; of salvation, provided only by Christ and experienced by man through faith; of the Church, its nature, ordinances, and mission; and of eschatology, including the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennium, and the judgments.

THEO 3413 THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY ESSENTIALS – [Meets the Core Curriculum Writing Practice Requirement] This course grounds the local church ceremonies and ordinances of infant dedication, water baptism, communion, weddings, and funerals in a biblical theology and guides the vocational minister in how to prepare for and conduct them. The course includes labs plus field trips to local churches and a mortuary.

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MASTER IN MINISTRY

30 Credits – Online only

The Master in Ministry (MIM) is designed to prepare students – intellectually, spiritually, and functionally – for vocational or lay ministry in a variety of contexts. The program is specifically designed for those who already possess an undergraduate degree yet have not taken foundational courses in Bible, Theology, or Ministry.

This 30-credit degree program is designed to be completed part or full-time. In addition to the required courses (21 credits) within the program, a number of electives are offered so students may choose courses which meet their particular interests.

The Master in Ministry (MIM) is a graduate degree offered by the College of Ministry at Northwest University that prepares its graduates intellectually, spiritually, and functionally for ministry leadership. Reflecting the emphasis of this three-pronged approach, the curriculum is accordingly academically rigorous, spiritually enriching, and praxis-oriented in order to holistically prepare men and women to successfully engage in Christian leadership.

The MIM is designed with a delivery system enabling students to complete this degree in sixteen months or (four semesters). The MIM combines live, interactive seminar courses with online classes. This approach serves students desiring a combination of interactive learning experiences with the flexibility of some coursework that is electronically mediated. Thus, working professionals can remain fully engaged within their profession while furthering their education. Students admitted to the cohort-based program progress together towards completion in a learning community providing a supportive, engaging environment that empowers and reinforces Christian leadership formation. The MIM degree program is specifically targeted for individuals who evidence a divine call on their life and wish to pursue lay or vocational ministry and who already possess an undergraduate degree in a field other than Bible, Theology, Christian Education, or Ministry.

In addition to achieving the goals of the University and the College of Ministry, the Master in Ministry results in the following learning outcomes:

- Students will develop the skills to serve as leaders in a variety of Christian contexts, including the local church and para-church ministries.
- Students will engage and understand biblical and theological principles to enable them to successfully serve in Christian leadership.
- Students will be prepared to intellectually, spiritually, and functionally become involved in vocational or lay ministry.
- Students will understand academic disciplines, develop spiritual character, and be aware of methods that apply Christian truths in full-time or lay ministry settings.
- Students will develop skills in technology and online formats for MIM courses and understand technological research methods for further educational development.
- Students will establish an academic foundation to further prepare them for graduate training, ministry credentials, or transitioning from lay to professional ministry involvement.

Courses:

Biblical and Theological Core (15 credit hours)

BIBL 5103 Old Testament Introduction: Background & Theology (3)

BIBL 5203 New Testament Introduction: Background & Theology (3)

BIBL 5553 Reading the Bible: Exegesis and Interpretation (3)

BIBL 6xx3 Graduate Level Bible Elective (3)

THEO 5213 Christian Theology: An Introduction (3)

Ministry Leadership Core (12 credit hours)

PMIN 5413 Ministry Essentials (3)

PMIN 6243 Ministry Leadership and Administration (3)

PMIN 6323 Biblical Preaching & Teaching (3)

CMIN/PMIN Graduate Level Ministry Elective (3)

General Elective (3 credit hours)

Graduate Level General Elective (3)

Program Objectives:

The Master in Ministry program seeks to equip Christian leaders intellectually, spiritually, and functionally, to successfully:

- Serve as leaders in a variety of Christian leadership contexts including both local church and para-church ministries.
- Engage in biblical and theological reflection, especially as it relates to one's ministry context.
- Provide individuals wishing to transition into ministry from a lay background by providing the academic foundation needed to obtain ministerial credentials.
- Serve as academic foundation for those wishing to pursue further graduate theological training.

Note: The General Council of the Assemblies of God will accept any graduate theological program offered by the College of Ministry at Northwest University as meeting the academic requirements for ministerial credentials. Students from other denominations will need to check with their respective denominational offices as to the applicability of the MIM for meeting ministerial credential requirements.

Tuition and Fees:

- Fees \$100 per Term
- Tuition \$529 per Credit

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

36-credit program – Online only (can be completed in 23 months, taking one or two courses at a time.)

For over 20 years, NU has trained students to work in the field of TESOL. The MA-TESOL will uniquely prepare graduates to work or teach in a variety of intercultural settings or pursue entry to Ph.D. programs. The 36-credit MA-TESOL program is designed for students who have completed a bachelor's degree in a variety of disciplines and currently live domestically or internationally. The program will provide students with a foundation in TESOL pedagogy, linguistics, and intercultural studies.

Globally, people use English in diverse contexts, creating high demand for TESOL professionals, particularly individuals who have completed a master's degree.

The MA-TESOL program combines a cohort-based community approach to learning with an online delivery method. The online Master's degree serves the needs of students desiring a combination of an interactive learning experience with the flexibility of electronically mediated coursework. The MA-TESOL allows working professionals to remain fully engaged in their career. This format will create a rich environment of teachers who engage with the material and their peers based on their students, classroom location and a variety of experiences including life, teaching, and language learning.

Program Highlights

- **Ethics and Integrity** – Because we are a Christian institution, learning opportunities will be centered in the context of a distinctive, ethically responsible worldview. Unique courses in this MA-TESOL program are Language, Culture, and Power, and Globalization; both courses encourage students to consider their potential impact on a larger social scale.
- **Quality** – Professors bring extensive experience teaching in the field of TESOL to this program and prepared carefully designed courses. As a culminating project, each student will write a graduate thesis suitable for publication.
- **Convenience** – Students in the MA-TESOL program will benefit from the convenience of studying through the online format. By taking one or two classes at a time, you can balance work and home responsibilities and complete the degree in less than two years. You can start in fall or spring.
- **Join a Community** – You will not be on your own as you pursue your degree. You start and finish the MA-TESOL with the same group of students. Your cohort will become a support network of trusted friends. You'll be assigned an advisor to assist you.
- **International Experience** – Students will have the opportunity to conduct their thesis research at an international location.
- **Relevant Professional Training** – Practical courses provide you with real-world insight and skills that you can apply right away.
- **Qualified and Caring Faculty** – The instructors who will teach in this program are highly qualified to serve, as they represent academic preparation from a broad range of content areas and bring to the classroom years of practical experience. Instructors have experience teaching both overseas, and/or in the U.S., and have experience teaching at the university level. Faculty members all have professional experience, in addition to their academic qualifications, and are available to advise and guide students.

Program Admission Requirements:

- A Bachelor of Arts or Science (or equivalent degree) from a regionally accredited college or university
- GRE required only for students with an undergraduate GPA lower than 3.3 (on a 4 point scale).
- Minimum GRE score of 155 on verbal portion of exam (500 on exams prior to August 1, 2011) or MAT score of 400.
- TOEFL score of 90 on the iBT or 580 on the paper-based test required for all non-native English speakers. GRE is waived for applicants with this TOEFL score.

Courses:

Year One - Fall (9 credits)

LANG 5013 Survey of Linguistics (3)

LANG 5033 SLA Theory (3)

LANG 5133 Sociolinguistics (3)

Year One - Spring (9 credits)

LANG 5233 SLA Research Methods (3)

LANG 5323 Methods of TESOL (3)

LANG 5443 Syntax and Grammar Pedagogy (3)

Year One - Summer (9 credits)

ICCD 5673 Globalization (3)

LANG 5373 Literacy (3)

LANG 5603 Assessment (3)

Year Two - Fall (9 credits)

LANG 6263 Language, Culture, and Power (3)

LANG 6943 Internship (3)

LANG 6963 Research/Thesis (3)

If needed:

Year Two – Spring (3 credits)

LANG 6973 Research/Thesis (3)

Tuition and Fees:

- Fees \$100 per Term
- Tuition \$641 per Credit