

## Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

### Church Planting and Multiplication Emphasis

#### **BL103 Old Testament Foundations**

An introduction to the content, history, and theological dynamism of the writings of the Old Testament, with a view to appropriating the message of the Old Testament for today. 3 cr

#### **BL102 New Testament Foundations**

An introduction to the content, history, and theological dynamism of the writings of the New Testament, with a view to appropriating the message of the New Testament for today. 3 cr

#### **TH101 Church History II**

This course explores the life and witness of the church from the Protestant Reformation to the present. 3 cr

#### **TH110 Theology for Ministry: Faith Seeking Understanding**

Every believer is doing theology. We all reflect on who the Triune God is, how God relates to us and all that God has made, and how we relate to God and others in response. This course offers an overview of key Christian doctrines to deepen our thinking and help us to make richer connections between what we believe and how we go about our callings. 3 cr

#### **MN111 Missional Preaching**

Building on the foundations of preaching and communication courses, this class will take a deeper look at the theory and practice of preaching in missional contexts. Public speaking is more than preaching, and preaching is more than public speaking. Students will increase skill in how they develop content, what they speak, and how they speak, and will be given opportunities to deliver that content. They will gain confidence in public speaking and will understand how verbal and nonverbal communication work. 3 cr

#### **MN112 Multiplying Churches**

This course will engage the movement and vision for church planting and multiplication in 21st century North America by building the foundation for the why and what of church planting. Participants will be introduced to the foundations of the church multiplication movement, the need for multiplying leadership, and, as a course project, develop a new church plant vision map and plan for a particular model of their choice. 3 cr

#### **MN115 Practice of Counsel and Care**

In this introductory course, students explore giving counsel and offering care as ministers of Word and sacrament. They develop an understanding of the fundamental principles of pastoral care and acquire basic skills required for giving counsel and offering care. Numerous pastoral themes are addressed in lectures, learning labs, and small group interaction. Students will be encouraged to develop their own pastoral presence in offering counsel and care. 3 cr

(for RCA candidates)

#### **MN121 RCA Standards & Polity**

Within the context of an overall theology of church governance, explores the candidate's specific ecclesiastical tradition (including polity and standards) as a framework for mission. 3 cr

**OR: Elective** of your choice 3 cr

## Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Ministry

### Church Leadership Emphasis

#### **BL103 Old Testament Foundations**

An introduction to the content, history, and theological dynamism of the writings of the Old Testament, with a view to appropriating the message of the Old Testament for today. 3 cr

#### **BL102 New Testament Foundations**

An introduction to the content, history, and theological dynamism of the writings of the New Testament, with a view to appropriating the message of the New Testament for today. 3 cr

#### **TH101 Church History II**

This course explores the life and witness of the church from the Protestant Reformation to the present. 3 cr

#### **TH110 Theology for Ministry: Faith Seeking Understanding**

Every believer is doing theology. We all reflect on who the Triune God is, how God relates to us and all that God has made, and how we relate to God and others in

response. This course offers an overview of key Christian doctrines to deepen our thinking and help us to make richer connections between what we believe and how we go about our callings. 3 cr

#### **MN111 Missional Preaching**

Building on the foundations of preaching and communication courses, this class will take a deeper look at the theory and practice of preaching in missional contexts. Public speaking is more than preaching, and preaching is more than public speaking. Students will increase skill in how they develop content, what they speak, and how they speak, and will be given opportunities to deliver that content. They will gain confidence in public speaking and will understand how verbal and nonverbal communication work. 3 cr

#### **MN115 Practice of Counsel and Care**

In this introductory course, students explore giving counsel and offering care as ministers of Word and sacrament. They

develop an understanding of the fundamental principles of pastoral care and acquire basic skills required for giving counsel and offering care. Numerous pastoral themes are addressed in lectures, learning labs, and small group interaction. Students will be encouraged to develop their own pastoral presence in offering counsel and care. 3 cr

#### **MN120 Leadership**

An introduction to the theory and practice of Christian leadership from a missional and theological perspective. 3 cr

(for RCA candidates)

#### **MN121 RCA Standards & Polity**

Within the context of an overall theology of church governance, explores the candidate's specific ecclesiastical tradition (including polity and standards) as a framework for mission. 3 cr

**OR: Elective** of your choice 3 cr