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Turn your Young Life Core Training
into a seminary certificate!

Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry

How does the partnership between Western Theological Seminary and Young Life help Young Life Staff complete a seminary certificate?

Western's GCDM is a natural fit for Young Life Capernaum Leaders.

- GCDM candidates complete a total of 24 academic credits to earn this certificate.
- Young Life staff may earn academic credit for up to two courses of new staff or core training from Young Life, for a total of 6 academic credits.
- Six distance learning courses originating from Western Theological Seminary are completed alongside YL coursework for the remaining 18 academic credits. Two courses are required; four are elective.
- This certificate is affordable. All Young Life staff qualify for a 25% tuition reduction.
- Academic credits from YL courses and Western's GCDM courses may be combined toward completing a Master of Arts or a Master of Divinity degree at a later time.

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ESSENTIAL DETAILS

- To begin, select Western Theological Seminary to transcript and bank your academic credits.
- In year two of your training, complete a Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry admissions application to begin coursework from Western Theological Seminary.
- All courses originating from Western for the GCDM are delivered by distance learning. Students often complete the GCDM without traveling to our campus. (Some electives may require a 3-5 day residency on campus.)
- To qualify for the 25% tuition reduction for YL staff, students must apply for financial aid annually.
- Western has trained Young Life staff for five decades. Our president, Dr. Timothy Brown, teaches at YL Area Director School annually. Dr. Ben Conner, Professor of Practical Theology, served as a YL Area Director and is a member of the mission-wide Capernaum Committee. Rev. Jeff Munroe, Executive Vice President, served on YL staff for 29 years. Become part of this legacy. Earn a graduate certificate at Western Theological Seminary.



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