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A Contextual Leadership Development Program in partnership with



GATEWAY SEMINARY

Biblical • Missional • Global

Leaders Needed

The great need for any church, large or small, is leadership. Ask any pastor and you will hear of another class in need of a teacher, a ministry in need of volunteers, or staff members in need of assistance.

To help congregations in our area meet this need, the Bowie Baptist Association is partnering with Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention (formerly Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary) to sponsor the Bi-State School of Ministry. Bi-State offers training to equip men and women for service through the local church. Our training is designed to be affordable, conducted locally, and led by proven ministry leaders. Our goal is to assure a “deep bench” of equipped volunteers and leaders serving His church now and long into the future.

Whether you are a lay man or woman seeking to “deepen your roots” or one considering God’s call to vocational ministry, CLD is here for you. I invite you to explore the program and join us. Worst case scenario: you learn something. Best case: you discover His call on your life.

May Christ receive glory either way!

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About Gateway Seminary

Introduction

Established in 1944 as Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Gateway Seminary is an official seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). Instruction occurs in accordance with the statement of faith adopted by that convention in 2000, the Baptist Faith and Message.

The Mission of Golden Gate

Under the Lordship of Christ, Gateway Seminary provides educational and ministry experiences to shape Christian leaders through programs that emphasize spiritual growth, biblically-based scholarship and ministry skills development—all within a multicultural setting.

Within its strategic settings, Gateway Seminary equips men and women to...

- walk more closely with God,
- understand more clearly the heart of the Christian faith,
- develop a passion for fulfilling Christ's great commission,
- strengthen God-given gifts to serve and equip others, and
- minister effectively to people of all cultures.

Dedicated to missions, Gateway Seminary commits itself to the lives of its students and to the churches it serves.

The seminary was renamed Gateway Seminary of the SBC in summer of 2016, upon approval of messengers to the SBC and the relocation of the main campus from Northern to Southern California. Gateway maintains on-campus programs in Southern and Northern California, the Pacific Northwest, Denver, and Phoenix.

*Our dream is to become the primary provider
of effective Christian leaders for the churches of tomorrow.*



What is CLD?

Contextualized Leadership Development is a part of Gateway Seminary's overall mission. CLD centers across North America provide classes at a post-high school level in order to train effective Christian leaders for service through their congregations. Serving multiple people groups, our vision is to see a culturally-relevant church for every people group in every place.

For those without a high school or college diploma, those for whom English is a second language, or those who cannot uproot themselves to attend on-campus programs, Contextualized Leadership Development (CLD) centers provide an excellent opportunity to be equipped and trained for effective Christian service.

What is a CLD Center?

A CLD Center is a school of training established under a cooperative agreement between Gateway Seminary and a local Southern Baptist church, association or state convention. CLD Centers are approved by the CLD National Office and the Gateway Seminary Office of Academic Affairs based upon that center's fulfillment of the standards mandated by the Seminary catalog and CLD Operations Manual. Such centers fulfill the seminary mission to train leaders for the churches by recruiting students, enlisting qualified faculty and offering approved courses in the CLD diploma programs.

The Bi-State School of Ministry was approved as a CLD center to begin classes in Fall 2016.

Certificate Programs

Certificate programs offer training for lay persons and vocational ministers seeking to develop their ministry skillset. They offer a basic overview of scripture alongside practical training in specific ministry areas.

Bible Teaching Certificate

The Bible Teaching Certificate provides students greater insight into the message of Scripture, equipping them for effective presentation in a variety of settings, including Bible Studies, Sunday School, Small Groups, or Personal Discipleship. The certificate is specifically designed to provide a) an introduction to the Old and New Testaments—the backgrounds, content, literature, exegesis, and theology; and b) practical skills and tools for teaching the Bible with power and effectiveness.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete GGBTS CLD entry requirements as a regular or special CLD student. This certificate may be earned in addition to other diploma plans or as a skill set without diploma.

Vocational Roles

The program is designed for Sunday School teachers, Small Group leaders, lay ministry leaders, and other persons interested in advancing their knowledge of the Bible and skill in presenting it.

Course Requirements

- Old Testament Survey, CLS 1114 3 hrs
- New Testament Survey, CLS 1314 3 hrs
- How to Understand the Bible CLS 2521 3 hrs
(Biblical Hermeneutics)
- Principles and Approaches to Bible Teaching CLE 1113 3 hrs

Completion Requirements

The Bible Teaching Certificate-CLD is awarded upon successful completion of the required 12 credit hours.

Pastoral Ministries Certificate

The Pastoral Ministry Certificate is designed to give students basic pastoral skills to serve in a shepherding role such as assistant pastor, deacon, elder, or age group leader in a local church. This certificate includes a study of pastoral ministry with an emphasis on the understanding and nature of pastoral work and pastoral care within the local church setting.. Topics include: the basis of pastoral ministry, the tasks of pastoral ministry and the concerns of pastoral ministry.

Entrance Requirements

Students must complete GGBTS CLD entry requirements as a regular or special CLD student. This certificate may be earned in addition to other diploma plans or as a skill set without diploma.

Course Requirements

- Old Testament Survey, CLS 1114 3 hrs
- New Testament Survey, CLS 1314 3 hrs
- Communicating the Gospel: Preaching and Teaching that Transforms CLP 1411 3 hrs
- Pastoral Ministry CLP 1511 3 hrs

Completion Requirements

The Bible Teaching Certificate-CLD is awarded upon successful completion of the required 12 credit hours.

Diploma Programs

Diploma programs offer training for those preparing for or currently serving in vocational or bivocational ministry, as well as lay persons seeking to further advance their skills for Christian service. Bi-State School of Ministry currently offers two diplomas.

Diploma in Christian Ministry (DCM)

The Diploma in Christian Ministry (DCM-CLD) is offered at a post high school level, and consists of seven required courses plus one elective course. These courses constitute basic training in Christian thinking, living, and leading for persons serving in ministry with or through a local church.

Sources and Origins

CLS 1114 Old Testament Survey - 3 hours

CLS 1314 New Testament Survey - 3 hours

Life and Thought

CLL 1113 Baptist Heritage and Practice - 3 hours

CLL 1212 Christian Theology Intro: Christology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology - 3 hours

Leadership Formation

CLP 1111 Ministry Foundations - 3 hours

A composite course focused on one's personal foundations as a minister as well as the practical matters of administration and leadership essential to effective ministry.

CLP 1411 Communicating the Gospel: Preaching and Teaching that Transforms - 3 hours

CLI 1351 Missions, Evangelism and Church Planting - 3 hours
methods on when and how to start new churches.

3 Hours of Electives Required

Total Hours Earned for Diploma - 24

Diploma in Theology (DTH)

The Diploma in Theology-CLD (DTH-CLD) intends to offer post high school level diploma level training for those in or entering ministry leadership positions. Admission to the DTH-CLD program is contingent upon completion of the Diploma in Christian Ministry-CLD or the equivalent. The DTH-CLD is a ten-course program beyond the DCM-CLD which can be completed in two to three years.

Biblical Studies

CLS 2100 Intermediate Old Testament - 3 hours (S1114 prerequisite)

CLS 2300 Intermediate New Testament - 3 hours (S1314 prerequisite)

Life and Thought

CLL 1111 Survey of Christian History - 3 hours

CLL1211 Intermediate Christian Theology - 3 hours

Leadership Formation

CLP 1115 Spiritual and Leadership Formation - 3 hours

CLP 1121-22 Leadership in Ministry Practicum: Fall/Spring – 4 hrs

Choose 1 of the following:

CLP 2421 Planned Pulpit Leadership - 3 hours

OR

CLE 1113 Principles and Approaches to Bible Teaching - 3 hours

CLE 1412 The Educational Ministry of the Church - 3 hours

An examination of the rationale for a program of Christian education. The study focuses on what is happening to people through the principles and methods for organizing, administering, promoting, and improving the education strategy of the local church.

3 Hours of Electives Required

Total Hours Earned for Diploma - 28

Customized Study Plans

In addition to certificates or diplomas, students are free to construct a customized training regimen from courses available. Any course so taken is transferrable to Certificates and Diplomas should the student later decide to pursue either.

Courses Offered

CLS 1114 Old Testament Survey - 3 hours

An introduction to the content, background, and criticism of the Old Testament (OT). Covering the Books of Moses, Historical Books, Writings (Psalms, Proverbs, etc.) and the Prophets, major and minor: the entire Old Testament.

CLS 1314 New Testament Survey - 3 hours

An introduction to the background, content and criticism of the New Testament (NT). Covering the Gospels, Acts, the epistles, general and Pauline, and Revelation: the entire New Testament.

CLS 2100 Intermediate Old Testament - 3 hours (S1114 prerequisite)

Focus is on one book each from the Pentateuch, Writings, and Prophets. One suggestion is to study Exodus, Job, and Isaiah. Another possibility is to focus upon Genesis, Ruth, and Micah.

CLS 2300 Intermediate New Testament - 3 hours (S1314 prerequisite)

Focus is on Acts and either one Gospel or a Major Epistle. A suggestion would be to study Acts and I Corinthians.

CLS 2521 How to Understand the Bible / Biblical Hermeneutics

A course designed to further the student's understanding of hermeneutical principles and develop his or her skills as in interpreting scripture.

CLL 1111 Survey of Christian History - 3 hours

Focus is on the Patristic period including the development of the Catholic Church, the Reformation, the development of evangelical and world mission movements in the United States, and the arising influence and witness of non-Anglo churches.

CLL 1113 Baptist Heritage and Practice - 3 hours

Covers the emergence of the Baptist Movement within a context of the English Reformation and Baptist emergence in the United States. What and how Baptist doctrine and polity expresses itself in the functions and forms of churches and related entities.

CLL 1212 Christian Theology Intro: Christology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology - 3 hours

An introduction of Christian Theology surveying the doctrines of Christ, Salvation, the Spirit, the Church, and Eschatology including an additional focus on the ethical implications of Christian thought and practice.

CLL1211 Intermediate Christian Theology - 3 hours

Covers the nature, tasks, and methods of doing theology; the major doctrinal areas: revelation, triune God, creation and providence, humanity and sin, Christ and salvation, the church and its mission, and end times.

CLL 1411 Christian Ethics - 3 hours

A study of the biblical presuppositions and principles of Christian ethics and their application to major social institutions and problems.

CLP 1111 Ministry Foundations - 3 hours

An entry course designed to assist students developing the necessary personal, spiritual, and ministerial foundations for life-long ministry. Students will engage in assessment of their gifts and passions in ministry and will encounter some basic approaches to effective ministry such as strategic, financial and physical planning for ministry, communication, and relational skills; and team and staff building.

CLP 1115 Spiritual and Leadership Formation - 3 hours

An introduction to basic leadership principles and methods. Unique aspects of spiritual and leadership formation related to the church (including multi-cultural settings and global perspectives) and denomination will be explored. Current resources and techniques will be examined.

CLP 1121-22 Leadership in Ministry Practicum: Fall/Spring – 4 hrs
Leadership in Ministry Practicum course offers two consecutive semesters of experiential learning in leadership, ministry skills, and personal growth through field education and classroom reflection. Students design their own learning goals for the course through negotiating a covenant of learning with their field mentor and professor. The student serves a minimum of 8 hours per week for 30 consecutive weeks in an approved ministry setting (church, ministry, or agency), with an approved field mentor, spiritual formation mentor, and ministry reflection group. The class meets weekly as a peer reflection group.

CLP 1411 Communicating the Gospel: Preaching and Teaching that Transforms - 3 hours
Covers planning, preparation and presentation skills in preaching and teaching with an emphasis on learning by doing. Also covers learning styles, how to preach and teach for transformation, and how to communicate to different age groups and cultures.

CLP 1511 Pastoral Ministry
A study of the concept of pastoral ministry from the biblical perspective. The course focuses on the role and responsibilities of the pastor as exercised in and through the local church.

CLP 1512 Introduction to Christian Counseling
This course helps students to understand the nature of Christian counseling while learning the practice of counseling at a beginning level. Students are introduced to Christian counseling values, goals, and processes while engaged in the classroom practice of counseling. Cognitive and behavioral approaches in agreement with Scriptural principles are applied in the multi-cultural learning process.

CLP 1916 Worship and Music in the Faith Community
Covers personal and corporate worship elements (prayer, scripture, drama, music, giving, and testimony). Emphasizes worship of the living God as the engine for evangelism and missions personally and corporately, locally and globally. Equips to design and lead worship experiences that are inspiring, participatory, calling to confession and commission, and creative within a specific church or context.

CLP 2421 Planned Pulpit Leadership - 3 hours

This course will offer instruction in developing an annual plan for preaching in the local church. Themes such as variety, continuity, calendar and balance will be discussed. Advantages of series preaching, seasonal messages and conservation of material (filing) will be considered. Special occasion messages for funerals, weddings, ordinances and dedications will be explored. Exposure to experienced and effective pastors will be sought.

CLI 1351 Missions, Evangelism and Church Planting - 3 hours

Covers an understanding of the church as sent by Christ into a lost world, thereby sending itself and its members out into the world locally and globally. Entails a brief history of missions, NAMB (the North American Mission Board) and IMB (International Mission Board), and current missiology. Central to the course is how to lead others to Christ and to teach others to do likewise. Discuss various types of evangelism and their effectiveness in different contexts. Developing personal and groups plans for evangelism. Covers the basics and various methods on when and how to start new churches.

CLI 1313 Introduction to Church Planting

This is an intensive study of current methodology in starting new churches with major attention given to the best ways to initiate new congregations and how to nurture these new congregations to become self-sustaining and reproducing churches.

CLI 2324 Working with Small Groups

A course dealing with the biblical background of small groups and their role in Christian history. It will examine the dynamics of small groups and evaluate contemporary models of Christian house groups such as the House Church. The focus is upon how small groups have been used effectively in reaching people and beginning new work.

CLE 1113 Principles and Approaches to Bible Teaching - 3 hours

This course includes a study of the principles and methods of preparation, delivery, and evaluation for effective Bible teaching in diverse cultural settings. includes a discussion of appropriate handling of the text and effective application of biblical principles. Attention will be given to learning styles and appropriate teaching methodology.

CLE 1314 Administration and Church Growth

An introduction to basic principles and methods of administration and church growth. Unique aspects of biblical administration and church growth as applied to church, parachurch organizations, and denomination will be explored. Current resources and techniques are examined.

CLE 1412 The Educational Ministry of the Church - 3 hours

An examination of the rationale for a program of Christian education. The study focuses on what is happening to people through the principles and methods for organizing, administering, promoting, and improving the education strategy of the local church.

CLE 2727 Youth Ministry Leadership

This course represents a study of personal and professional considerations in the life of the youth minister. Particular consideration will be given to intra-personal awareness, interpersonal relationships, administrative skills, team ministry, and spiritual health.

Admission Procedure

Students must make application online at www.gs.edu. Click on the link "Contextualized Leadership Development". From the CLD page, click "Apply Now" and select the online application for the diploma program for which you are applying. Each student must enter his/her pastors name and email address in order to make application. The Church Endorsement Form will be sent by email to the pastor to complete and submit to the local CLD Registrar, Director and the Gateway Seminary Application Administrator.

Make sure to complete the CLD application and one for other Gateway Seminary programs.

Once you submit the application, it will electronically delivered to the national CLD office and to the Local CLD Center. The Social Security or Tax ID number will be truncated for privacy protection. The \$30 application fee can be delivered to the local CLD Registrar or Director on enrollment day or the first day of class.

Location of Classes

Classes are held at First Baptist Church, Wake Village, Texas, on either Monday or Tuesday evenings. Other sites will be announced as they come online.

Tuition and Fees

There is an application fee of \$30 due when applying for admission to any program. Tuition for each 3 hour class is \$165. It is the student's responsibility to purchase textbooks. Instructors will recommend sources for textbook purchases. A complete list of fees, including graduation and transcript fees, is available on the Gateway Seminary Operations Manual, available for download at the Bowie Baptist Association website, www.bowiebaptist.org.

Schedule

Fall Semester 2017 classes begin August 28. Spring 2018 semester begins January 16. Please complete the application process at least two weeks before you expect to start classes.

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