



Institute of Lutheran Theology

Pastoral Ministry Certification Program

This program is designed to quickly prepare leaders with no prior theological training to successfully provide pastoral leadership for a congregation. Coursework in the Pastoral Ministry Certificate Program provides a rounded introduction to Biblical theology, Lutheran theology, church history, and ministerial practice.

Required Courses:

- BT 101: Principles of Biblical Interpretation
- BT 201: Old Testament Theology and History
- BT 202: New Testament Theology and History
- HST 101: The History of the Christian Church to 1500
- HST 102: The History of the Christian Church 1500 to the Present
- HST 150: Luther and his Catechisms
- HST 201: Lutheran Reformers and the Book of Concord
- HST 202: Systematic Theology
- HST 203: Defending and Spreading the Faith
- MP 101: Lutheran Worship
- MP 102: Pastoral Theology and Counseling
- MP 201: Proclaiming God's Word

Admissions to Academy Programs

List of Required Documents for Certificate Programs

- Application for the program being applied to (PMC or AMC)
- Recommendation Letter from Pastor or DTC mentor (AMC only)
- Three letters of Recommendation (PMC only)
- Official Transcript from a high school, college, or university.
- Application Fee: \$50.

Admissions Interview

The admissions interview may be conducted in person, by telephone, or by interactive video conference. The interview will be conducted by a representative from the Institute of Lutheran Theology.

Letters of Recommendation

The three letters of recommendation are to be from people who have differing relationships with the candidate. One from a pastor is required.

The remaining two letters should represent other perspectives such as an employer, a teacher, or a colleague. Letters should not come from family members.

Official Transcript

We require some form of transcript which demonstrates the applicant's prior academic work. We will accept a transcript from a high school, college or university. Applicants are normally required to have their official transcripts sent directly to the Office of Admissions from all of the institutions that they have attended.

English Language Requirement

ILT welcomes international students and seeks to provide an academic and social climate which promotes understanding, acceptance, and personal growth. Normally, students for whom English is a second language must pass the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) proficiency examination with an iBT score of 80 or equivalent in order to be eligible for admission to the program. More information can be found about TOEFL at the Educational Testing Service web site found at <http://ets.org>.

Transfer of Credits and Residency Requirement

ILT will accept students transferring into the Pastoral Ministry Certification program from similar programs. The Office of Admissions will consider program requirements and courses completed on a case by case basis. To receive a degree from the ILT Academy, less than half of all courses can come from other institutions.

Re-Application

Individuals who have withdrawn or been discontinued for cause, and those who have been denied admission, should contact the Dean of Students to request information on procedures for re-application.

For more information contact:
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