

Bridges Christian College
Certificate of Ministry
18 Credit Hours

Academic Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will synthesize inter-disciplinary principles into their worldview.
2. Students will integrate biblical knowledge into daily praxis.
3. Students will cultivate Spirit-empowered maturity through personal practices.
4. Students will be equipped for innovative ministry through scholastic and experiential learning.

Note: The superscript numbers indicate the Academic Learning Outcomes' relationship to the Mission Statement. The Numbers listed at the end of the Academic Learning Outcome Elements demonstrate where the Elements support the Academic Outcomes.

Academic Learning Outcome Elements:

Affective Learning Outcome

1. Appreciate the Bible as a source for truth and life practices. (1) - 2
2. Embrace the need for disciplined study, research, and work ethic. (8) - 2
3. Acquire a deeper passion for new ministry development in fulfillment of the Great Commission. (9) - 4

Cognitive Outcome

4. Be conversant with principles of consistent exegesis, using basic reference resources, which acknowledge genre, context, historical background, and semantic domains of biblical texts. (16) - 2
5. Be conversant with a variety of theological positions, while distinguishing theologically sound doctrine, false teaching, and cultural traditions. (18) - 2
6. Demonstrate knowledge of key historical facts, values, and ideas that have shaped civilizations throughout history. (23) - 1
7. The ability to integrate biblical knowledge into one's personal thought life in such a way that the mind is renewed and transformed. (27) - 3

Professional Skill Outcome

8. Develop quality Spirit-empowered preaching and teaching materials in order to effectively communicate the gospel. (28) - 3 & 4
9. Accurately interpret and apply the biblical text in current contexts. (30) - 2
10. Develop a ministry plan outlining goals, philosophies, and strategies. (31) - 3 & 4
11. Develop mentoring and disciple-making skills. (36) - 3 & 4
12. Develop, write, and present effective presentations communicating through speech, technology, and the arts. (39) - 1
13. Research, write, and present written communication through reviews, research papers, and correspondence which reflects college level critical thinking and Christian demeanor. (40) 1 & 2

Required Courses

BIB1113 Old Testament History and Literature (3 Credit Hours)

A study of the books of the Old Testament, giving students an appreciation of each book as a unit and of its contribution to God's plan of redemption as it develops in the Old Testament. Prerequisite for 2000 and above Bible/theology courses.

BIB1213 New Testament History and Literature (3 Credit Hours)

An overview of the books of the New Testament in the context of the first century historical environment. The course emphasizes the teachings of each New Testament book and includes a section on the canon and text of the New Testament. Prerequisite for 2000 and above Bible/theology courses.

BIB2313 Book of Acts (3 Credit Hours)

A valuable study of the book of Acts, the beginning of the church, the beginning of the age of the Spirit and the progress of the church throughout the Roman Empire by the ministry of the Spirit through the Apostles.

ATH2113 Evangelism in the 21st Century (3 Credit Hours)

Understanding the meaning, motive, mission and methods of evangelism that apply ways to reach our 21st century world for Christ with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

THE2213 Biblical Hermeneutics

The student learns both principles and skills of interpreting Scripture in terms of historical, social and literary environments and the process of applying the meaning to today's needs. The history of hermeneutics is also covered. A special feature concentrates on Pentecostal issues.

ATH3113 Homiletics 1, Preparing for 21st Century Preaching (3 Credit Hours)

An introduction to sermon construction with an emphasis on the importance of preaching, the role of scripture, the place of hermeneutics, outlining, sermon structure and content, introductions, conclusions, invitations, and illustrations. Students will begin to understand the vital place of preaching in their ministry.

Three Units of Student Ministry Credit.

PFM1100, PFM1200, and PFM1300

Each student is required to complete three supervised trimesters of student ministry for graduation. Students may choose various types of ministry subject to approval of the Student Ministry or Cohort Director.

The program is designed to be completed in one year by taking 2 courses per trimester (Fall, Winter, Spring.)