

THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Central Christian University of S.C., Inc. Associate Degree will be awarded to students who have completed 63 hours and is designed to give the student a broad comprehension from a Christian view and shall incorporate a minimum of 25% of the curriculum in General Education studies if the nomenclature of the degree is entitled, the Associate of Biblical Studies.

- ❖ Associate in Pastoral Ministry 63 credit hours
- ❖ Associate in Biblical Studies 63 credit hours

ASSOCIATE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY

The Associate of Pastoral Ministry provides the student with spiritual and academic preparation for those going into full-time Christian service. Each student will develop a strong Bible foundation with a practical emphasis on local church service. The Associate Program in Pastoral Ministry provides education and training to ministers, pastors, and laypersons who aspire to a career as a pastor or to improve their pastoral and ministry skills. The program combines the study of Biblical, Religious, and Theological courses.

Objectives:

1. To prepare students for careers in ministry.
2. To prepare students for a Christ-centered ministry as pastors and ministers.
3. To give the students a sound knowledge of the word of God and worship.
4. To prepare students with the proper foundation for continued education and professional study.
5. To prepare students with meaningful internships for practical application and skill development.
6. Research and create critical and analytical writings on topics, themes, or genres with 3 references to include 3 typed pages of content with MLA documentation.
7. To enhance communication skills: reading, writing, speaking, and critical thinking.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the Associate Program in Pastoral Ministry Program, the student will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of basic concepts of the Old and New Testaments.
2. Describe church polity, administration and effective leadership duties within the church.
3. Develop basic skills related to researching and presenting on Biblical topics, themes, and genres.
4. Understand, explain, and demonstrate the basic obligations related to pastoral ministry in the Christian church.
5. Demonstrate a basic understanding of Christian counseling, Biblical interpretations, the Paraclete, and evangelism.
6. Understand and present the Bible through hermeneutic interpretation, sermon preparation, and practical experiences.
7. Serve as a pastor, deacon, or Christian leader in the church.

ASSOCIATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Associate of Biblical Studies degree is designed to prepare students to assume positions of leadership and to upgrade the skills and knowledge of persons present in ministry. The program combines a solid foundation in Biblical and religious-related courses.

Objectives:

1. Demonstrate understanding of basic skills and knowledge related to entry-level general education courses.
2. Articulate and skillfully interpret concepts of the Paraclete, systematic theology, faith, prayer, Biblical prophecy, and Christian Doctrines.
3. Develop basic academic research skills related to researching, presenting, and scholarly academic writing on Biblical topics, themes, and genres.
4. Research and create critical and analytical writings on topics, themes, or genres with 3 references to include 3 typed pages of content with MLA documentation.
5. Demonstrate a basic understanding of Biblical history, theological thinking, and investigation.
6. Understand and present Bible basics through hermeneutic interpretation, sermon preparation, and practical experiences.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of basic concepts in the Old and New Testaments.
2. Describe church polity, and administrative and effective leadership duties within the Protestant church.
3. Research and create critical and analytical writings on topics, themes, or genres by delivering an effective research paper.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of Christian ethics, evolution, and application of moral standards when engaging in making Christian ethical decisions by solving a written narrative societal scenario that requires scriptural support.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the practical application of major program content.
6. Explain the importance of intense spiritual, cognitive, and ethical theories and preparation for effective teaching.
7. Serve as an assistant to the church leadership.