

## **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.

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| ❖ 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 improve their pastoral and ministry skills. The program combines study of Biblical, Religious, and Theological courses.

**Pre-requisite:** The student must have completed the requirements of the Diploma of Bible Studies, Diploma of Pastoral Ministry, Diploma of Christian Evangelism, or Diploma of Christian Counseling prior to enrolling into an Associate Program.

#### **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 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.

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

36 Credit Hours in Bible/Theology Studies

15 Credit Hours in General Studies

9 Credit Hours of Professional Studies

3 Credit Hours of Elective courses

Total Credit Hours: 63

(All courses received 3 credit hours)

## Associate Program in Pastoral Ministry

Core Curriculum:  
 36 Credit Hours in Bible/Theology Studies  
 15 Credit Hours in General Studies  
 9 Credit Hours of Professional Studies  
 9 Credit Hours of Elective Courses- Total: 63 Credit Hours

Course Name	Prefix	Number	Core Curriculum and Credits
<b>General Studies</b>			
General Mathematics	GE	104-3	General Studies 3
English Composition	ENG	101	General Studies 3
Introduction to Computer	CP	103	General Studies 3
Music Appreciation <b>or</b> Art Appreciation	GE MU <b>or</b> GE ART	101 102	General Studies 3
Created in God's Image	PSY	100	General Studies 3
Students must complete 15 hours of general studies.			
<b>Bible, Theology, and Religious Studies</b>			
The Pentateuch I	BI -OT	103-1	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
The Pentateuch II	BI -OT	103-2	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
The Minor Prophets	BI -OT	106	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
The Major Prophets	BI -OT	302	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
The General Epistles I	BI -NT	403-1	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
Christian Apologetics	TH	400	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
Old Testament Literature	BI -OT	200	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
The Life of Christ	BI -NT	302	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
Great Doctrines I	TH	301-1	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
Great Doctrines II	TH	301-2	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
The Minor Prophets	BI OT	106	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
The New Testament Church	RS	401	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
Students must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours of Bible, Theo, Rel courses listed above.			
<b>Professional Studies</b>			

Basic Christian Counseling	PSY	101	Professional Studies Courses 3 credit hours
Pastoral Care I	RS	413-1	Professional Studies Courses 3 credit hours
Basic Christian Ethics	TH	454	Professional Studies Courses 3 credit hours
Students must complete 9 credit hours of professional studies courses listed above.			
<b>Elective Courses</b>			
Hermeneutics	RS	409	Elective Courses 3 credit hours
Creative Bible Teaching	CE	403	Elective Courses 3 credit hours
What the Bible says to the Minister	RS	203	Elective Courses 3 credit hours
Students must complete 9 credit hours of elective courses listed above.			

## **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 presently in ministry. The program combines a solid foundation in Biblical and religious-related courses.

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### **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.

## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

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The Revelations	BI- NT	304	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
Acts- II Corinthians	BI -NT	308	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
The Gospels	BI -NT	201	Bible, Theo, Rel courses 3 credit hours
Students must complete a minimum of 36 credit hours of Bible, Theo, Rel courses listed above.			

**Professional Studies**

The New Testament Church	RS	401	Professional Studies Courses 3 credit hours
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Students must complete 9 credit hours of professional studies courses listed above.

**Elective Courses**

Faith	TH	110	Elective Courses 3 credit hours
Creative Bible Teaching	CE	403	Elective Courses 3 credit hours
Public Worship Praise and Worship in the Church Setting	MF	415	Elective Courses 3 credit hours

Students must complete 9 credit hours of elective courses listed above.