

# NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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## Certificate in Foundational Courses

**EARN A CERTIFICATE** from North Park Theological Seminary (NPTS). Take classes at our Chicago campus, online, or through our regional programs in Atlanta, Santa Barbara, or Seattle.

**CERTIFICATE IN FOUNDATIONAL COURSES** This four-course (12 credit hour) certificate is designed for those who are starting seminary studies or who are involved in the credentialing process with the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). This certificate also may help students determine whether to continue seminary studies.

**ECC CREDENTIALING** For those who are interested in credentialed ministry, the four foundational courses in the certificate program are part of the basic requirements for licensing and ordination. North Park courses are not the same as those offered for Covenant Orientation. For more information about seeking a permanent credential with the ECC, contact the Department of Ordered Ministry at [www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org).

### CERTIFICATE COURSES

To earn the Certificate in Foundational Courses, students complete four courses: two required as well as two additional courses that are selected from the categories below:

**Required (6 hours):**

- **HSTY 6210 Christian Tradition and Mission**  
This introductory course surveys the history of Christian life and thought from the early church to the present. Focusing on people, events, and developing traditions, the course also examines the missional life of the Christian church.

- **THEO 6330 Christian Theology**

Students are introduced to the doctrines, methods, and tasks of Christian theology, seeking active appropriation of Christian faith in the context of the church and in engagement with the world.

**Choose one of the following (3 hours):**

- **BIBL 6120 Interpreting the Old Testament I**
- **BIBL 6121 Interpreting the Old Testament II**

BIBL 6120 surveys the story of the People of God in the first 12 books of the Old Testament known as the Torah and the Former Prophets. BIBL 6121 surveys five wisdom and seventeen prophetic books of the Old Testament.

These courses seek to provide knowledge of the overarching content (events, characters, themes) and original cultural and historical settings. Attention is given to literary genres, critical issues, and inter-biblical interpretations as they aid interpretation of texts. The goal is to prepare students to appreciate, interpret, and teach from these books in ministries of the Church.

**Choose one of the following (3 hours):**

- **BIBL 5150 Interpreting the New Testament I**
- **BIBL 5151 Interpreting the New Testament II**

In this introductory treatment of the Gospels, attention is given to hermeneutics, critical approaches to the Gospels, historical background, the characteristics and message of each of the Gospels, and Jesus' life and teaching, especially his proclamation of the kingdom.

This course is a survey of Acts through Revelation with special emphasis on the interpretive issues, historical context, distinctive content, theological peculiarities, and contemporary relevance of Acts and the New Testament letters.

### PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall	MARCH 31
Spring	DECEMBER 1

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## THE PROGRAM

This certificate can be completed in one to two years, depending on whether the student wishes to take more than one class per semester.

Fall courses are in session from the beginning of the academic term in August through December each year. Spring courses are in session from January through May. You must apply and register before the start of each semester.

**REGIONAL PROGRAMS:** NPTS offers courses through regional programs in Atlanta, Santa Barbara, and Seattle. Regional courses are a hybrid of online and intensive study. To learn more, visit [www.northpark.edu/seminary](http://www.northpark.edu/seminary).

**TUITION** Take advantage of a 40 percent discount off the regular cost of \$490 per credit hour and pay only \$882 per 3-credit-hour course.

**OTHER CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS:** The North Park Theological Seminary offers 10 specialized certificates requiring 12 to 15 semester hours of course work in particular areas of ministry. For more information, visit [www.northpark.edu/seminary](http://www.northpark.edu/seminary).



*Set in the heart of Chicago, North Park's campus encompasses more than 30 urban acres along the North Branch of the Chicago River.*

## APPLY TODAY

Download and complete the Certificate and Visiting Student Application available at [www.northpark.edu/seminary](http://www.northpark.edu/seminary).

In addition to your completed application:

- Submit a one-page autobiographical essay.
- Request that your official transcripts from all universities, colleges, or community colleges attended be sent directly from the institution(s) to the Office of Seminary Recruitment & Enrollment.
- Obtain a reference from your pastor who should complete the personal reference form at [www.northpark.edu/seminary](http://www.northpark.edu/seminary).
- Include a \$25 non-refundable application fee. Make your check payable to: North Park Theological Seminary.

### PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINES

- March 31 for fall admission
- December 1 for spring admission

## LEARN MORE

For help or more information, please contact:

**Office of Seminary Recruitment & Enrollment**  
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Chicago, Illinois 60625-4895  
Call (773) 244-6229 or (800) 964-0101  
Email [semadmissions@northpark.edu](mailto:semadmissions@northpark.edu)  
Visit [www.northpark.edu/seminary](http://www.northpark.edu/seminary)

## About NPTS

North Park Theological Seminary's distinctive character is reflected in three core values:

**Graciously Evangelical.** We embrace the centrality of Scripture, live by God's Word, and offer freedom in its interpretation consistent with unity in Christ. We affirm that the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ brings new life to persons, healing to communities, and hope for creation. We affirm women and men in ministry.

**Prophetically Ecclesial.** We are committed to the whole mission of the church, emphasizing both the Great Commission to make disciples, and the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. We passionately hold together head and heart, reflection and practice, worship and service, witness and justice.

**Relationally Global.** We are a worshiping and learning community that welcomes all disciples, emphasizing spiritual as well as intellectual formation. We nurture love for local communities—urban, suburban, and rural. We nurture vision for a global church, valuing the diversity of all God's people. We foster skills for ministry in contexts of cultural diversity.

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