
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

EL CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS TEOLÓGICO HISPANO (CHET) AND CENTER FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (CTS)

El Centro de Estudios Teológico Hispano (CHET) and the Center for Theological Studies (CTS) at Northeastern Seminary promote spiritual development; biblical, historical, and theological knowledge; and provides ministry support and resources among Hispanic and non-Hispanic ministers and church leaders in upstate New York. Both CHET and CTS offer a two-year Certificate in Ministry program. Courses are offered for three 12-week terms each year: fall, winter, and spring. All students must complete six terms (12 units) of core courses and ministry electives to earn a certificate. Students who complete the program may be eligible to receive up to 30 undergraduate college credits upon application and successful admission to Roberts Wesleyan College.

CHET/CTS CURRICULUM

CTSB 101

Survey of the Old Testament

Credits: 3

This course provides a general overview of the entire Old Testament, and examines the cultural and historical background in which it was written. Students see how the documents shaped the life of a people, how these Scriptures of the Hebrew people influenced the writers of the New Testament, and why they are important in contemporary society.

CTSB 102

Survey of the New Testament

Credits: 3

Students are introduced to the entire corpus of the New Testament and the historical and cultural context in which the several types of documents were written. The life and teachings of Jesus and the influence of the Apostle Paul are stressed.

CTSH 101

Survey of Church History

Credits: 3

This course provides a general overview of the history of the Christian Church from apostolic times to the modern era. Students become familiar with the theological differences within Christendom, as well as the common elements.

CTSH 102**American Church History****Credits: 3**

Students trace the development of African American and Hispanic Christianity from its roots and in the United States. Consideration is given to the impact of Liberation Theology.

CTST 101**Introduction to Christian Theology****Credits: 3**

Students are introduced to the several areas of theology, the history of the development of the discipline, and the theological differences among Christian groups. While classic Christian thinking is the thread that runs through the course, students are encouraged to explore and to interact with the best elements of all Christian traditions.

CTSP 101**Pastoral and Spiritual Formation****Credits: 3**

Personal spiritual growth is the goal of the course. Emphasis is upon the development of the pastor as the spiritual leader of the congregation and the community. Classic writings on spirituality, devotion, and spiritual disciplines are studied and discussed.

CTSP 102**Using Technology****Credits: 1.5**

Students explore how technology may enhance or limit the ministry of the church. The “how to” use of technology for personal, staff, and large group, multimedia presentations will be addressed.

CTSP 201**Leadership Skills****Credits: 3**

This course prepares students for leadership roles in the church by helping them develop the skills needed to organize their congregations for effective ministry.

CTSP 202**Pastoral Care****Credits: 3**

Students develop the art of discerning and attending holistically to the needs of a congregation and the community as servant leaders.

CTSP 203**Pastoral Ethics****Credits: 1.5**

Emphasis in this course is on helping church leaders integrate the best ethical practices into their ministry and decision making.

CTSP 204**Homiletics****Credits: 1.5**

Students learn how to prepare and deliver sermons. Opportunities will be provided for students to practice in front of their peers.

CTSP 205**Church and Community****Credits: 1.5**

Students focus on the social obligations of the Christian gospel and how to minister most effectively within a variety of cultural contexts.

CTSP 206**Church Polity****Credits: 1.5**

Students work with a mentor to help them understand the discipline and polity of their particular denomination. Students from congregations independent of denominational affiliation will investigate how their group is governed.

CTSM 151 Children's Ministry Credits: 1.5**CTSM 152 Youth Ministry Credits: 1.5****CTSM 153 Adult Ministry Credits: 1.5**

Students learn how to work effectively with a particular age group to accomplish the congregation's goals of training and discipleship.

For more information on the CHET/CTS Program contact the Seminary at 585.594.6800.

SOUND OF THE GENUINE BIBLICAL INSTITUTE (SGBI)

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (RICE)

NES has engaged in partnering with local and regional churches in other certificate (non-degree) training ministries for pastors and lay leaders in the church. In 2003, NES partnered with Elim Fellowship of Buffalo, NY, in their three-year lay training program—the **Sound of the Genuine Biblical Institute (SGBI)**. NES provides assistance in curriculum development as well as qualified faculty, student, and alumni instructors. More recently, the NES certificate program joined efforts with the **Rochester Institute of Christian Education (RICE)** in its two-year lay training program building on a long-established relationship with Roberts Wesleyan College.

*For scheduling or registration information on **Sound of the Genuine Biblical Institute** contact SGBI at: 716.832.7698, for **Rochester Institute of Christian Education** contact RICE at: 585.436.7523 or rfmInfo@frontiernet.net*