Licentiate in Ministry (LMin)

About the Licentiate in Ministry (LMin)

The 3-Year Licentiate in Christian Ministry is designed to equip students with the theological knowledge, practical skills, and spiritual formation necessary for effective ministry. The course will cover biblical studies, theology, church history, pastoral care, evangelism, and practical ministry, allowing students to prepare for various roles within the church and broader community.

Training Programme Outline

Year 1

Semester 1

1. **Introduction to the Bible** - Overview of the Old and New Testaments - Methods of biblical interpretation - Contextualizing Scripture

2. **Foundations of Christian Theology** - Major doctrines of the Christian faith - The nature and attributes of God - Christology and Salvation History

3. **Introduction to Christology** - Study of the person and work of Christ - Historical perspectives on Christology

4. **Spiritual Formation** - Importance of spiritual disciplines - Developing a personal relationship with Christ - The role of prayer, worship, and community

5. **Introduction to Ministry** - The role and purpose of Christian ministry - Historical and contemporary models of ministry - Introduction to various ministry contexts

6. **Communication Skills for Ministry** - Effective verbal and non-verbal communication - Public speaking for preaching and teaching

Semester 2

1. **Introduction to Biblical Languages** - Basics of Hebrew and Greek.- Understanding the significance of biblical languages in theology.

2. **Homiletics: Preaching Skills** - Principles of sermon preparation and delivery - Different preaching styles and approaches

3. **Hermeneutics** - Principles of biblical interpretation - Application in preaching and teaching

4. **Systematic Theology** - Doctrine of Scripture and Revelation - Theological method and ethics

5. **Evangelism and Discipleship** - Biblical foundations for evangelism - Strategies for effective discipleship

6. **Introduction to Worship** - Theology and practice of worship - Elements of corporate worship

Year 2

Semester 3

1. **Old Testament Survey** - Overview of the Old Testament books - Historical and cultural context

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3. **Systematic Theology II** - Doctrine of Humanity and Sin- Soteriology (Doctrine of Salvation)

4. **Pastoral Care and Counselling** - Principles of pastoral care - Counselling techniques and ethics

5. **Community and Global Missions** - Understanding cultural contexts - Developing a mission mindset

6. **Pastoral Leadership** - Leadership theories and practices in ministry - Conflict resolution and team management

Semester 4

1. **Christian Ethics** - Moral principles in Christianity - Application to contemporary issues

2. **Church Administration and Leadership** - Principles of church management - Leadership styles and effectiveness

3. **Systematic Theology III** - Doctrine of the Church and Sacraments - Eschatology (End Times)

4. **Christian Apologetics** - Defending the Christian faith against objections.- Engagement with secular worldviews.

5. **Christian Education** - The role of education in the church - Curriculum development and teaching methods - Lifelong learning in faith

6. **Conflict Resolution and Mediation** - Skills for managing conflict in ministry settings. - Techniques for mediation and reconciliation

Year 3

Semester 5

1. **Theology of the Holy Spirit** - Understanding the role of the Holy Spirit - Gifts and fruits of the Spirit

2. **Interpersonal Relationships in Ministry** - Building healthy relationships - Conflict resolution

3. **Advanced Preaching** - Developing preaching skills - Thematic and exegetical preaching

4. **Personal and Professional Development** - Preparing for vocational ministry - Resume building, interviews, and networking

5. **Church Planting and Revitalization** - Strategies for starting new ministries - Revitalizing existing congregations

6. **Leadership Development** - Cultivating personal leadership skills and understanding leadership theories.

Semester 6

1. **Community Development** - Strategies for effective community engagement and development. - Role of the church in social justice initiatives.

2. **Ethics in Ministry** - Exploring ethical dilemmas in ministry- Developing a personal code of ethics

3. **Leadership in the Church** - Principles of leadership and administration within a church context. - Role of leaders in spiritual formation and community building.

4. **Digital Ministry and Social Media** - Engagement with technology in ministry. - Strategies for using social media for outreach and community building.

5. **Thesis or Research Project** - Choose a topic of interest related to ministry - Conduct research and present findings - Integration of knowledge gained throughout the program

6. **Preparation for Ministry** - Vocational discernment and calling - Job search strategies and interview preparation - Networking and building professional relationships

Curriculum Design and Duration of the Licentiate in Ministry

The Christian Leadership Academy presents short courses in a modular format - bundled into year programmes.

The three-year Licentiate in Ministry, offered online by CLA, provides students with the flexibility to begin their studies at a time that suits their individual schedules.

This streamlined process not only facilitates immediate engagement with the course materials but also allows for a focused and efficient educational journey tailored to each student's pace and availability.

The program's self-paced courses are delivered through an advanced Learning Management System (LMS) or eLearning platform, designed to offer an engaging and interactive learning experience. The Christian Leadership Academy, specializing in eLearning, effectively utilizes digital technologies to present educational content beyond traditional classroom boundaries. Instructional methods include a variety of multimedia such as video and audio resources, discussion boards for collaborative learning, PDF articles for in-depth study, as well as practical exercises and reflection papers to ensure comprehensive understanding and application. This robust and multifaceted approach caters to different learning styles, empowering students to absorb and apply knowledge in a manner that best suits their personal and professional development.

Fee Structure

Upon acceptance into the program, students are required to make payment for each module they intend to register for, thereby confirming their place in the program.

Good news for students! Our pay-per-module structure makes it easy to manage your finances. With clear and transparent transactions, you'll always know exactly how much you're paying and what you're getting. No more confusing fees or unexpected costs. Stay on top of your expenses and focus on what matters most - your studies!

Accreditation & Affiliation

We would like to clarify that our courses, including the Licentiate in Ministry (LMin), are not aligned to any registered unit standards and do not lead to formal qualifications presented on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Association of Christian Religious Practitioners (ACRP)

We are excited to announce our partnership with the Association of Christian Religious Practitioners (ACRP), a professional body for church leaders and Christian ministry leaders. This collaboration reinforces our commitment to delivering high-quality courses that meet industry standards. As a valued student, you can now register for professional designation with ACRP upon completing our Licentiate in Ministry (LMin) program, enhancing your career and professional standing in the field. Our team will support you throughout the registration process, making it easier for you to take advantage of this opportunity.

The levels of registration and designation range from:

Level 1: Religious practitioner

Level 2: Advanced Religious practitioner

Level 3: Religious professional

Level 4: Religious specialist

ACRP is recognized by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) in terms of Section 13 of the National Qualification Framework Act (Act No. 67 or 2008) as a professional body, with a registration number of PB0000110.

Council for Counsellors in South Africa (CCSA)

We are pleased to announce our partnership with the Council for Counsellors in South Africa (CCSA), a professional body that regulates non-psychological counsellors. Upon completing our Licentiate in Ministry (LMin) program, graduates can register for a professional designation with CCSA, enhancing their career prospects and professional standing in the field of counselling.

The levels of registration and designation range from:

Level 1: Student Counsellor

Level 2: Institutional Counsellor

Level 3: Counsellor

Level 4: Specialist Counsellor