



Reformed Episcopal Seminary

Certificate: Diaconal Ministry (Level 1) - 18 Credits



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Course Descriptions:

- + **AN 503 - Liturgics (3 credits):** This course offers an introduction to the nature and elements of biblical worship; worship in the history of Israel and of the church; the development of liturgy and the value of liturgical forms; and the origins, development, and public use of The Book of Common Prayer. Students pursue independent research in conjunction with class lecture presentation.
- + **AN 615 - Anglican Spirituality / Anglican Studies (3 credits):** Focuses on the contribution of Anglicanism and Anglicans to the theology and practice of the wider church. It consists of an overview of the history, standards, and practice of Anglicanism which have shaped the orthodox Anglican Church. The axis of this course is an in-depth study of Anglican thinkers, writers, theologians who have shaped the course of Anglicanism and the wider church. Students will be encouraged to look at how their religious practice, spirituality, and thought and that of their churches has been affected by Anglicanism. (Clearly it must at least some degree since they are attending an Anglican seminary!) Scholars to be studied include Hugh Latimer, Thomas Cranmer, William Tyndale, Nicholas Ridley, Richard Hooker, Lancelot Andrews, John Donne, George Herbert, John Wesley, John Keble, and C.S. Lewis, among others.
- + **AN 703 - 39 Articles of Religion (3 credits):** This course gives the student an intensive overview of one of the primary theological platforms of the Protestant Reformation. It permits a review of the theology courses previously taken through the lens of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion, considered historically and dogmatically. As the formal confessional document of the Church of England and the Reformed Episcopal Church, the Articles are of special importance to those preparing for ministry in the Reformed Episcopal Church; but the study of them will provide valuable theological reflection for students of all Protestant confessional churches.
- + **BT 500 - English Bible (3 credits):** An overview of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments to increase basic biblical knowledge and understanding. This course is foundational in nature. It may be taken as an elective by those in the M.Div. program to further strengthen their Bible knowledge.
- + **HT 505 - Church History Survey (3 credits):** Moving from beyond the realm of the New Testament, discover what happens when Christian faith meets the messiness of life! Let us take a trip around the world, stretching our legs and sharpening our minds as we view amazing remnants, follow hidden trails, and hear inspiring stories from local Christian guides. Brace yourself as we journey from Asia to Africa, Israel to Iceland, and Tehran to Tokyo.



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- + **PT 500 - Diaconal Ministry (3 credits):** This course exists to explore the biblical origins of the diaconate and its development during church history. As this development is examined, attention will be given to the roles and responsibilities of the deacon throughout time. Through reading, service, and discussion, the relationship between the diaconate and other offices will emerge. The course will note how that relationship has varied in history. Further, there will be a careful examination of the deacon's role in the liturgy, the life of the Church, and in the life of the world. As this is a course in an Anglican seminary, ample attention will be given to the Ordinal and its presentation of the diaconate.

