



# Reformed Episcopal Seminary

## Certificate: Diaconal Ministry (Level 2) - 18 Credits



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### Course Descriptions:

- + **AN 714 Anglican History & Polity (3 credits):** This covers the history of the Reformed Episcopal Church (REC) from the beginning in 1873 to the present day, including its part as a founding partner in the Anglican Church in North America. Students look at the REC in terms of its immediate historical context, as well as the contexts of the English Reformation, the foundation of the Episcopal Church in 18th century America, and the founding of the Anglican Church in North America in 2009. The application of the constitution and canons of the Reformed Episcopal Church to the context of contemporary pastoral ministry is studied.
  
- + **PT 501 Homiletics (3 credits):** Introduction to the history, science, and art of preaching. Consideration of sermon preparation (choice of text, exegesis, hermeneutics, history, culture, and doctrine); sermon structure (title, introduction, body, conclusion, outline, and illustrations); sermon delivery (style, use of manuscript, voice variety, projection, and general speech skills); and persuasion as well as argument.
  
- + **PT 610 Supervised Practical Ministry (3 credits):** The Field Education Internship is the practical counterpart to the student's academic preparation in the classroom. The Field Education Internship is a pastor supervised training providing experience within the context of the local parish. Field placements are learning experiences through which students hone their skills for ministry and develop pastoral competencies. The Field Education Internship is a time of integration and formation. It is a time to apply theological education as well as learn things that cannot be taught in a classroom. It is a component of the Homiletics and Liturgics Practicum requirement. Interns will have opportunities for hands-on experience in the various ministry areas of the local church such as (but not limited to): leading worship, preaching, participation in sacramental rites (as permitted by the Canons), pastoral visits, parish administration and leadership, Christian education and development, parish mission, and evangelism.
  
- + **PT 704 Basic Counseling Skills (3 credits):** Basic Pastoral Counseling introduces the student to the basics of Pastoral Counseling, and what is expected of the pastoral counselor. The course will explore selected secular paradigms of counseling from the great geniuses of depth psychology, through the existentialist and humanistic schools, to family systems counseling. Special care will be taken to contextualize these paradigms within the spiritual safety of the Christian revelation, and seminarians will develop their own critical approach to secular mental health theory and praxis that will assist them in their ministries to the brokenhearted.



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- + **PT 707 Evangelism & Outreach (3 credits):** The intent of this course is to enable students to develop and articulate a theological and historical understanding of evangelism, identify important principles in evangelism and outreach and use them to evaluate existing models, and develop a plan for mobilizing a real or hypothetical parish church for evangelism.
- + **PT 708 Christian Education (3 credits):** The history, scriptural foundations and practice of Christian Education/Formation will be presented. Students will learn to apply the insights of both approaches to Christian growth by distinguishing the theological perspectives, theory, models, and outlook. The centrality of Holy Scripture, the Sacraments, liturgical time, and Christian life stages will be taught.

