



# Reformed Episcopal Seminary

## Certificate: Pastoral Theology (Level 1) - 18 Credits



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### Course Descriptions:

- + **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 601 Pastoral Theology (3 credits):** An introduction to the calling, content, and skills involved in the cure of souls. The course seeks to address the issues that confront the pastor in his care of God's people. Subjects addressed include: a Theology of Prayer in Pastoral Life; Pastoral Visitation; The Role of Women in the Church; Homosexuality; Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage; and the Sign Gifts.
- + **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.
- + **PT 706 Pastoral Administration: Pastoral Organization (3 credits):** This course analyzes the role of administration as a necessary function in pastoral ministry. Consideration is given to the daily functions of pastoral ministry with an eye to using the gifts and skills God has given His people to the best advantage of Christ and His Church. The focus of this course is management of money and other resources and managing church and personal conflict. This class counts for the degree requirements for PT 705 (3 credits) or if already fulfilled, 3 elective credits. Students may take both PT 705 and PT 706 for credit.
- + **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.
- + **PT 709 Catechesis (3 credits):** This course guides students in the art of instructing new believers, young and old, in Christian faith and life. Emphasis is put on both instruction in catechesis and its practice. The primary catechism used in the course is *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*.