

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Certificate of Progress Program are as follows:

To increase biblical knowledge;

To create an understanding of the Baptist church;

To provide an educational structure that will develop candidates who are qualified for teaching and leadership positions;

To provide incentives for the candidate to complete the program; and,

To produce trained church leaders.

COPP is appropriate for both the church leader, as well as the lay persons who wish to increase their understanding of the Bible and increase their discipleship.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Listed below are specific procedures for enrollment in COPP:

- Participants must have a dean of record made available to him or her by a CLS certified dean. The dean of record is responsible for giving guidance throughout the COPP.
- All applications, assignments, and forms for COPP must be submitted, along with fees, to the dean of record.
- Participants must complete and submit a Form 12 -Admissions Application

For the COPP, along with application fees.

- Participants are to purchase the *CLS Student Handbook*. The handbook can be purchased from the Sunday School Publishing Board or a local Christian bookstore that carries SSPB products.
- Participants are to subscribe to the *Christian Education Informer*, the official Christian education journal of DCEAC and the SSPB.
- If any participant has received credits from colleges, universities, or seminaries, he or she may submit this validated information to the dean of record. The dean of record will forward it to the COPP coordinator for evaluation and possible exemption from required courses listed in the COPP.
- All COPP applications must have the required signatures. All applications and forms are available online at www.sspbnbc.com.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

COPP students who wish to become certified instructors must complete Phase I courses, plus course # 2023 - *Creative Ways of Teaching* and course # 9008 - *Public Speaking*. Refer to the Christian Leadership School Dean for additional information regarding instructor certification.

PHASE REQUIREMENTS

Classes can be taken in any order within a phase, but each phase should be completed within a five-year period. Phases should be completed in sequential order. Upon completion of Phases 1,2, and 3, students will receive a certificate for each phase. A COPP diploma will be issued upon completion of Phase 4. There are no electives in the Certificate of Progress Program. Course offerings for COPP are listed below:

PHASE I

1001 Introduction to the Bible
1004 Effective Bible Reading
1007 Introduction to the Old Testament
1072 Introduction to the New Testament
2011 Baptist Doctrine
6021 Spiritual Formation

PHASE II

1075 The Synoptic Gospels
2007 Christian Stewardship
3008 Theology and History of Christianity
4012 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
7024 Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts
9004 Writing Techniques I

Writing Assignment for Phase II: COPP students must complete a final writing assignment on the topic "Salvation Through Jesus Christ." This paper must be at least two typed, double-spaced pages.

PHASE III

- 1079 Survey of John
- 1089 Survey of Romans
- 3007 History of Baptists
- 7005 Christian Evangelism
- 7010 Introduction to Discipleship
- 9005 Writing Techniques II

Writing Assignment for Phase III: COPP students must complete a final writing assignment on the topic "Contemporary Issues Affecting the Church." This paper must be at least two typed, double-spaced pages. Provide three to five different references.

PHASE IV

- 1112 Survey of Revelation
- 2015 Foundation of Christian Ethics
- 6013 Organizing the Church for
Christian Education
- 8035 The African-American Church
and Social Justice
- 8066 Christianity and Contemporary Issues
- 9024 The Computer in the Life of the Church

Writing Assignment for Phase IV: COPP Students will complete a final writing assignment on the topic "The Role of the Christian Educator in the Local Church." This paper must be five to seven typed pages. Provide five to eight references.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact the Dean of your Christian Leadership School
OR

see the Christian Leadership School (CLS) Manual and/or the CLS Handbook, Student Edition. Both of these items may be purchased from the Sunday School Publishing Board (SSPB) Website at www.sspbnbc.com or by calling SSPB Customer Care toll-free at 1-800-359-9398

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