

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Luther Rice College and Seminary's mission is to serve the church and community by providing biblically-based on-campus and distance education to Christian men and women for ministry and the marketplace with an end to granting undergraduate and graduate degrees. While many are called to pursue an entire degree, we recognize that many still do not have the time or resources to complete a bachelor's or master's degree.

Luther Rice College and Seminary's certificate programs provide the opportunity for those interested in biblically-based education without the 4-5 year commitment associate with a longer degree. Luther Rice's certificate program provides not-for-credit certificates and for-credit certificates. Not-for-credit certificates are shorter and more affordable certificates which end with the award of a certificate of completion. For-credit certificates consist of college-level credit-bearing courses which end with the award of an undergraduate or graduate certificate. For-credit certificate courses are also transferable to higher degree programs.

### **For-credit Undergraduate Certificate in Apologetics 9 Hours\***

AP 3904-Principles of Apologetics	3 credit hours
AP 4900-Apologetics and God's Existence	3 credit hours
AP 4903-Apologetics and the Resurrection	3 credit hours

\*Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive an undergraduate certificate in apologetics from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree program.

#### **Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the undergraduate certificate in apologetics will have:

- Been introduced to critically and constructively applying a Christian worldview as it relates to various disciplines
- Practiced foundational skills for ministry and service in a local church

**For-credit Undergraduate Certificate in Biblical Counseling**  
**9 Hours\***

CO 2700-Principles of Counseling	3 credit hours
CO 3702-Methodology in Counseling	3 credit hours
CO 4703-Marriage and Family Counseling	3 credit hours

\*Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive an undergraduate certificate in biblical counseling from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the undergraduate certificate in biblical counseling will have:

- Been introduced to primary components of biblical counseling
- Practiced foundational skills for ministry and service in a local church

**For-credit Undergraduate Certificate in Biblical Studies**  
**9 Hours\***

BI 1200-Survey of Biblical Interpretation	3 credit hours
OT 1200-Survey of the Old Testament	3 credit hours
NT 1200-Survey of the New Testament	3 credit hours

\* Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive an undergraduate certificate in biblical studies from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the undergraduate certificate in biblical studies will have:

- Been introduced to the knowledge of the Bible, Christian theology, and Church history with the purpose of ministry application.
- Practiced foundational skills for ministry and service in a local church.

**For-credit Undergraduate Certificate in Pastoral Ministry**  
**9 Hours\***

PM 3400-Principles of Ministerial Leadership	3 credit hours
PM 3401-Foundations of Pastoral Ministry	3 credit hours
PM 4403-Principles of Administration in Ministry	3 credit hours

\*Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive an undergraduate certificate in pastoral ministry from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the undergraduate certificate in pastoral ministry will have:

- Introduced to the nature, goals, and biblical qualifications of a Christian minister
- Practiced foundational skills for ministry and service in a local church

**For-credit Undergraduate Certificate in Theology**  
**9 Hours\***

TH 3301-Survey of Theology I	3 credit hours
TH 3301-Survey of Theology II	3 credit hours
TH 4303-Christology	3 credit hours

\*Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive an undergraduate certificate in theology from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to the Bachelor of Arts in Religion degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the undergraduate certificate in theology will have:

- Been introduced to the knowledge of the Bible, Christian theology, and Church history with the purpose of ministry application.
- Practiced foundational skills for ministry and service in a local church.

**For-credit Graduate Certificate in Apologetics**  
**9 Hours\***

AP 5901-Foundations of Apologetics	3 credit hours
AP 6907-Apologetics and Miracles	3 credit hours
AP 6908-Apologetics and the Problem of Evil	3 credit hours

\* Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive a graduate certificate in apologetics from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to applicable Master of Arts degree programs and the Master of Divinity degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the graduate certificate in apologetics will have:

- Been introduced to a rational and biblical case for the truth of Christianity
- Been introduced to a defense to major objections to Christianity

**For-credit Graduate Certificate in Biblical Counseling**  
**9 Hours\***

CO 5702-Foundations in Counseling	3 credit hours
CO 5704-Marriage and Family Counseling	3 credit hours
CO 6706-Crisis Counseling	3 credit hours

\* Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive a graduate certificate in biblical counseling from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to applicable Master of Arts degree programs and the Master of Divinity degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the graduate certificate in biblical counseling will have:

- Been introduced to a biblical philosophy of counseling
- Been introduced to empathetic and pastoral care or referral

**For-credit Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies**  
**9 Hours\***

BI 5201-Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3 credit hours
OT 5200-Introduction to the Old Testament	3 credit hours
NT 5200-Introduction to the New Testament	3 credit hours

\* Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive a graduate certificate in biblical studies from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to applicable Master of Arts degree programs and the Master of Divinity degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the graduate certificate in biblical studies will have:

- Been introduced to interpreting the Bible in light of its historical-grammatical context.
- Practiced communicating biblical and theological truths in writing.

**For-credit Graduate Certificate in Leadership**  
**9 Hours\***

LD 5803-Foundations of Leadership	3 credit hours
LD 5804-Organizational Culture	3 credit hours
LD 6808-Conflict Resolution for Organizational Leaders	3 credit hours

\* Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive a graduate certificate in leadership from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to applicable Master of Arts degree programs and the Master of Divinity degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the graduate certificate in leadership will have:

- Been introduced to research methods for organizational analysis and problem solving
- Been introduced to a philosophy of leading and following consistent with their vocation

**For-credit Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Ministry**  
**9 Hours\***

EV 7401-Personal and Church Evangelism	3 credit hours
CM 7402-The Work of Ministry	3 credit hours
CM 7406-Church Administration	3 credit hours

\* Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive a graduate certificate in pastoral ministry from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to applicable Master of Arts degree programs and the Master of Divinity degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the graduate certificate in pastoral ministry will have:

- Been introduced to evaluating ministries in light of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment
- Been introduced to developing, designing, and implementing ministry programs.

**For-credit Graduate Certificate in Theology**  
**9 Hours\***

TH 6301-Systematic Theology I	3 credit hours
TH 6302-Systematic Theology II	3 credit hours
TH 6303-Systematic Theology III	3 credit hours

\* Upon successful completion of this certificate, the student will receive a graduate certificate in theology from Luther Rice College and Seminary. All credit hours are transferable to applicable Master of Arts degree programs and the Master of Divinity degree program.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

Those who complete the graduate certificate in theology will have:

- Been introduced to the Church's historical and theological heritage as an important resource in their personal spiritual development and ministry.
- Practiced communicating biblical and theological truths in writing.

## **Not-for-credit Certificates**

Luther Rice College and Seminary currently offers a not-for-credit certificate in biblical studies, apologetics, and theology. These certificates consist of three courses that aid the Christian in developing the foundational skills to answer the call of 2 Timothy 2:15 to “study to show yourself approved unto God...rightly dividing the word of truth.”

### **Not-for-credit Certificate in Apologetics (Three Courses)\***

Course 1: Just What is Apologetics Again?	4 week online study
Course 2: The Existence of God	4 week online study
Course 3: The Truth About Jesus’ Resurrection	4 week online study

### **Not-for-credit Certificate in Biblical Studies (Three Courses)\***

Course 1: How to Study and Interpret Your Bible	4 week online study
Course 2: Understanding the Old Testament	4 week online study
Course 3: Understanding the New Testament	4 week online study

### **Not-for-credit Certificate in Theology (Three Courses)\***

Course 1: God and His Word	4 week online study
Course 2: God’s Plan and Purpose for the World	4 week online study
Course 3: God Will Bring All Things to a Conclusion	4 week online study

\*Upon successful completion of each certificate, the student will receive a certificate of completion from Luther Rice College and Seminary.



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