

THE HISTORY

In the 1970s the School of Theology initiated a program of training for clergy and lay persons in local congregations. The name Evans-Smith was adopted in 1980 to honor the two persons who had voluntarily provided similar training while serving as staff members of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia.

THE MISSION

The School of Theology seeks to partner with local congregations in cultivating leadership for various expressions of ministry.

THE GOAL

The goal is to offer opportunities for persons to grow spiritually and to sharpen and expand skills necessary for more effective and efficient service as leaders in the local congregation. Further the goal is that persons who participate in this program will render improved and more dynamic service.

ELIGIBILITY

Any person serious about developing to the fullest and becoming an effective church worker may enroll in the program.

THE FACULTY

Faculty are required to hold graduate level degrees from institutions accredited by ATS and/or a regional accrediting agency.

BASIC PROGRAM

Level I – persons complete twelve (12) courses and receive the Certificate in Religious Studies.

Level I Classes

Old and New Testament, Understanding the Call to Ministry, Communication Skills, Congregational Care & Concern, Faith and Human Development, Church History, Introduction to Church Doctrines, Church Administration, Spiritual Gifts In Ministry, Church Meetings & Group Dynamics, Worship and the Spiritual Life.

Concentration Areas: Level II

First level courses must be completed prior to enrolling for the Level II Certificate. There are six (6) six areas for further study.

Each area requires five courses for a certificate: four area courses and one elective of choice.

*Christian Education
Church Leadership
Church Management
Pastoral Care
Preaching Proclamation
Small Church Ministry*

Advanced Program: Level III

A third level prepares persons for seminary or other advanced study.

Completion of Levels I & II are required prior to enrolling in Level III.

THE SCHEDULE

Minimum of two, six-week sessions per site, per year, running from September or early October to May. Dates vary from site to site.

PROGRAM FEES

\$50.00 Registration (first time only)

\$85.00 Tuition per class – Level I

\$90.00 Tuition per class – Level II

\$125.00 Tuition per class for Level III

\$10.00 Transcript
(after the first one, which is free)

SEMINARS AND ELECTIVES

A series of seminars and electives offer additional opportunity for training and education. Seminars may be taken by persons not enrolled in Evans-Smith. Special certificates are offered for seminars. Length of time and fees may vary based on focus and the facilitator's expertise and training. Electives are offered to expand the student's port-folio and help meet graduation requirements.

The unit of measurement is the Continuing Education Unit (CEU).

SITE LOCATIONS

ACCOMACK/NORTHAMPTON

Rev. Jerome Lee
(757) 442-2739

Culpeper

Dr. Milton Branch
(540) 825-2768

FRANKLIN & VICINITY

Rev. Anthony Goodwyn
(757) 442-2739

FREDERICKSBURG

Rev. Raymond Bell, Jr.
(540) 786-4274

HEATHSVILLE

Dr. John Fountaine
(804) 580-4912

KEYSVILLE

Dr. Herman Lundy
(434) 955-7036

NORTHERN VA.

Dr. Darrell White
(703) 360-4170

PENINSULA

Dr. Dwight Riddick
(757) 244-8833

PETERSBURG

Dr. Rosa Wynn
(804) 862-3584

RICHMOND

Dr. Ray McKenzie
(804) 342-3904

TIDEWATER

Rev. Juanita Davis
(757) 489-7898

VIENNA & VICINITY

Dr. Clevester Hawkins
(703) 938-8525

WAYNESBORO/STAUNTON

Rev. Linda Lassiter
(540) 885-7861

EVANS-SMITH IS NOT A DEGREE PROGRAM

CERTIFICATE VS DEGREE

A certificate attests to one's participation in a structured learning environment and to a resulting change, personal and professional.

A degree signifies completion of four years of study and research at an institution of higher learning.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS

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