

Bachelor Degree Programs



Rom.12:6-8 1 Cor.12:8-10,28 Eph.4:11-16

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**Bachelors of Theology &
Bachelors in Christian Education**

Bethesda Bible Institute (BBI)

Academic Certificate Programs BBI is unique in that it provides academic training and credentials to ministers and counselors (recognized as Clergy in most states).

Ministers/Clergy Courses

Note: all credits can be applied to a biblical and/or counseling degree program. Those called to preach, teach and/or counsel.

9-12-months course of study time, 3 Courses completed in 4 months each. The Licensed Minister of the Gospel takes 12 classes that yield 22 credits. Courses for Ordained Ministers of the Gospel and/or Ordained Elders, Overseers. Ordination Only: Already Biblically Degreed and serving in a leadership or ministry role, 1-2 courses required (12 weeks). Ordained Elder of Counseling an overseer that preaches, teaches and counsels). In addition to the academic preparation, the counselor and presbytery should have also qualified individual, if desired, to be Licensed or Ordained. through BCMC-F.

Request "Ministerial Credential Descriptions" for further details and requirements.

ETA Courses & Teacher Ministry Certificates

For those desiring to understand the Word more, and make application to their own life. For all those called by God as Ministers, possessing one or more of the Ministry Gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:28, for the serious student of the word desiring to use their gifts (Romans 12:1) in or outside of the church building through outreach services (reaching out to others) or those called to the church, organization, outreach ministry, etc. take one or all 4 of the church ministries certificate programs. The qualified Teacher Ministry becomes certified to teach students and teachers for ETA courses. A teacher yourself with your own ministry, business or within someone's else church, ministry or organization.

Note: Core Courses for Certificates, Diplomas, Licensure and Degrees include: 1. Hermeneutics; 2. Pneumatology/ Gifts & Ministry of the Holy Spirit; 3. Created In God's Image or Creation Therapy (study of human behavior-biblical). All students receive Gifts Analysis and Temperament Profile Analysis, 4. Biblical Psychology.

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Educational Training & Counseling Center, Inc.

Bethesda Bible Institute, Seminary and Messenger School of Counseling is exempt from the requirement of certification by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), and the Commission for Independent Education, State of Florida Department of Education... Veteran's Approval - for the Active, Retired Veterans & their Dependents under the GI Educational Benefits.

GIFTS

1st Year Bachelor **Bethesda Bible Institute & Seminary**

Course Number	Course Name	Earned Credits	
BBS/ETA/CEDU/445 ***	ETA The Church at Study	1	
BBS/ETA/MIN.446 **	ETA Teaching Youth with Confidence (Working with adolescents, developmental characteristics, and small groups)	1	
BBS/ETA/MIN.447 **	ETA Teaching Adults with Confidence (Multicultural classroom designing adult Bible learning, choosing curriculum)	1	
BBS/ETA/WORS.448 (Core)	ETA Understanding Music & Worship In the local church personally and as a ministry.	1	
BBS/ETA/LEAD.449	ETA Effectively Leading	1	
BBS/ETA/THEO.450 **	ETA Evidence and Truth (Foundations for Christian faith)	1	
BBS/ETA/THEO.451 ***	ETA Biblical Ethics (The difference between ethics and morals)	1	
BBS/ETA/THEO.452	ETA The Triune God	1	
BBS/ETA/MIN.453 **	ETA Understanding Teaching (Effective Biblical teaching, planning lessons, selecting methods, etc.)	1	
BBS/ETACEDU.454	ETA VBS & Other Summer Ministries (Ways and means of day camps, special camps, neighborhood festivals for evangelistic outreach and spiritual growth)	1	
BBS/ETA/MIN.455	ETA World Missions Today I	1	
BBS/THEO.401	Pneumatology I – (Gifts, ministries and work of the Holy Spirit)	3	
BBS/ETA/MIN.457	ETA Your Ministry of Evangelism	1	
BBS/ETA/LEAD.458	ETA Understanding People (The stages of human development) Children, youth, adults	1	
BBS/ETA/CEDU.462 **	ETA Teaching Techniques (Revitalizing methodology)	1	
BBS/ETA/MIN.463	ETA Growing Towards Maturity (Topics: The Dynamics of Spiritual Growth, becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ, teaching others, leading others. Using spiritual gifts, mentoring others.)	1	
BBS/ETA/THEO.465	ETA You & Your Bible	1	
BBS/ETA/THEO.466	ETA Biblical Beliefs	1	
BBS/ETA/MIN.468	ETA Church Educational Ministries	1	
BBS/THEO.475	Synoptic Gospel (Gospel of John) The Gospels and Epistles. A verse by verse exposition. The Evangelists meaning and message.	3	
BBS/THEO/LEAD.477	General Assembly	1	
MSC/SACC/COUN.406	Created in God's Image – Understanding human behavior (Certificate of Completion or *Creation Therapy)	3	
MSC/SACC/COUN.441	Creation Therapy (Creation as Temperament Counselor)	9	
	Total First year credits	32	
	*Creation Therapy is for those called to Counseling Ministry (not required) **Teaching Techniques I (Four courses – 1 credit each) ***Bachelor of Theology (TH.B) (-15 credits) and add 24 credits form the Christian Education Major to get a Bachelor of Christian Education (B.CED).		




Course	Course Name	Earned Credits
BBS/ETA/MIN.469	ETA Church History I & II (Basic introduction to the subject, perspectives from church history. Covers four major periods from Pentecost to present)	3
BBS/DIVL.405	The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (The personality, deity, names and titles, emblems and various ministries of the Holy Spirit)	3
BBS/GTHEO.409 (Core)	Anthropology - The Doctrine of Man (Includes the nature of man, origin, and original responsibilities, his sin and fall, and present condition)	3
BBS/GTHEO.411	The Doctrine of Angels (Existence, origin and nature of angels – how to determine the characteristics of faithful angels and evil angels)	3
BBS/DIVL.412	The Doctrine of The Trinity (The existence, names, nature and attributes of God)	3
BBS/MIN.471 (Core)	Ecclesiology I (Exploring Ecclesiology) An evangelical and ecumenical introduction to eschatology, the church and ecology, who & what is the invisible Biblical church.	3
BBS/GTHEO.472 (Core)	Soteriology – The Doctrine of Salvation Areas of study: An in-depth look at the Greek word and its definition...healing, perseverance, deliverance, salvation. The message of The Cross, rewards, etc. Salvation and love with an ethnic group.	3
BBS/DIVL.474	The Covenants - A Systematic Plan of Redemption (A systematic presentation of the nine divine covenants found in the Bible) that God designed for man's progressive and final plan of redemption.	3
BBS/DIVL.417	Revivals Around the World – Study of Revivals from 1800's until 21 st Century	3
BBS/LANG.435	English Composition	3
BBS/GTHEO.400 (Core)	Hermeneutics I (Interpreting Scripture) Knowledge, understanding, hands-on application of the Principles, especially the five basic Principles (context, first mention, comparative, progressive, complete) used in a model format to effectively exegesis...rightly dividing the word of truth	3
BBS/LEAD.436	General Assembly (An atmosphere where preachers, teachers and counselors are able to exercise their ministry, gifts and calling through various sewing capacities including weddings, funerals, baptisms, communions and oratorical messages according to the course work and program.)	1
	Total Second year credits	34



3 rd Year Bachelor Degree Program	Bethesda Bible Institute & Seminary	
Course	Course Name	Earned Credits
BBS/DIVI.404 (Core)	Homiletics I – Preaching and Worship Preaching, worship, music, Lord’s supper	3
BBS/DIVI.414	Christian Apologetics Credible Theologians justify and defend the peculiarities of the Christian faith and that Christ is the Son of God and the Bible is the Word of God. The Apologist has a test to show other systems to be false and theism to be true. (Theism: the belief or acknowledgement of the existence of God as opposed to atheism)	3
BBS/GTHEO.415	The Pentateuch Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy	3
BBS/DIVI.416	Biblical Doctrines I – The foundation of Christian Doctrines. Topics: Repentance, Regeneration, Ethics, Christian Doctrine, Doctrines of Revelation, Scriptures, Satan and Demonology, Atonement and Eternal States	3
BBS/MIN.419	Principles in Christianity - Surpassing greatness of his power and our ministry as priests. Wisdom for building kingdom authority. The systematic attacks of witchcraft, the Jezebel Spirit, the modern Pharisees	3
BBS/DIVI.420	*The Work of Christ in the Believer Trilogy – (6 weeks) Biblical Studies I – Christology (BBS-Theo 421-423) All the Teachings of Jesus	2
BBS/DIVI.421	Biblical Studies II – Christology (6 weeks) Interpreting the Book of Revelation	2
BBS/MIN.422	Biblical Studies III - Christology (6 weeks) The Church In the New Testament	2
BBS/GTHEO.423	Hermeneutics II (Interpreting the Scriptures) Covers various principles used for interpretation	3
BBS/GTHEO.429	Outreach & Care I (Part I-Chap 1-17) (Evangelism) Preaching, evangelism, missions, social involvement, pastoral care.	3
BBS/GTHEO.459	Old Testament I (Genesis – Esther)	1
BBS/GTHEO.460	Old Testament II (Job – Malachi)	1
BBS/GTHEO.461	New Testament (Matthew – Revelation)	1
BBS/GTHEO.437	General Assembly	1

Third year credits 31

Note: (1) *This Trilogy lasts six weeks for each course. A combination for one course outcome.
 (2) The one credit ETA courses are 10 hours each and may be combined with other one credit books to total three credits.

4th Year Bachelor Degree Program	Bethesda Bible Institute & Seminary	
Course	Course Name	Earned Credits
BBS/MIN.438	The Ministry of the Apostles & Prophets - Studies in the characters of the apostles and prophets and ministry. (with emphasis on temperaments)	3
BBS/GTHEO.402 (Core)	Homiletics II In-depth study on Baptism: baptism or dedication, preparation for adult baptism, the role of Godparents; Weddings: the purpose, planning, performing and handling of a wedding ceremony; Funerals: the purpose and planning of a funeral service, sermons or presentations	3
BBS/GTHEO.408 (Core)	Systematic Theology Trilogy (Looks into the depths of the idea of dogmatic theology; religion; the doctrine of the church, means of grace, of last things and doctrine of the person and work of the Holy Spirit)	3
BBS/BPSY.410 (Core)	Biblical Psychology I (A look at mans inner life and how he relates to God – Students also are shown the integration with temperaments.)	3
BBS/PRAC.431	Practicum (30 hours) Student will follow an outline developed to probe and bring forth that within them, in other words to put into words on paper the ministerial calling on their life, whether it is in a local fellowship or within the world systems. Includes 60 hours and records 25 typed pages, that reveals the students knowledge and understanding in the area of Christian Education and Theology, putting together a plan for a vision (real of imagined in ministry), which includes goals and objectives for accomplishing.	3
BBS/LEAD.424 (Core)	Biblical Leadership I & II Application of Principles according to God's word. Topics: administration, organization, ministry, achieving goals, developing leadership teams, supervising, recruiting leadership teams. detecting wrong motives for leadership. Student will understand, using a video, how to execute a vision. (Vision – goals and objectives, and plan of action.)	3
BBS/INTR.430	Internship (60 hours) (15 hours per year) Student gets authorization to voluntarily serve in a church, ministry, outreach, any other authorized facility at Bethesda or another organization.	3
BBS/LANG.425 (Core)	Introduction to Hebrew	3
BBS/LANG.426 (Core)	Introduction to Greek	3
BBS/MIN.418	The Major and Minor Prophets – The prophecies and Prophetic Ministry and the relationship to the assignment given to each prophet.	3
BBS/MIN.433	Outreach and Care II (Part II– Chap 18-30) Principles and practices that guide Church Leaders and Congregations into the work of: Pastoral Care and Counseling; Chaplaincies; and Christian Education.	3

Fourth year credits 34
Total Bachelor Degree Credits 131

Student must take General Assembly once a month. (4 credits)) The Degree enables one to assist well in ministry to the pastor or overseer. As they are serving they can continue their studies in the Master's of Divinity Degree. If this is their calling to Pastor or Overseer in the future