

# PASTORAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

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The Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Leadership provides students with a foundational and broad understanding of pastoral care, Christian theology, and scripture. The curriculum is flexible to accommodate each student's experience and vocational goals. It includes a wide range of elective course options trading on the expertise of IPS faculty and existing course offerings, allows students to discern in community and with intention their vocational goals, and provides a graduate-level credential that can be rolled directly into a master's degree program for those who decide to continue their education and formation for ministry.

## Curriculum

The Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Leadership requires completion of five courses (15 credit hours). One course is required (IPS 564 Foundations of Pastoral Care) and four courses may be chosen from among a number of electives. One of those must be a theology elective and one of them must be a scripture elective. Students will work with their academic advisor to choose elective courses that best suit their background, experience, interests, and goals.

The Institute of Pastoral Studies offers a large number courses online every year, including the required course for this certificate. It is possible, therefore, to complete this certificate entirely online depending on which elective courses a student chooses within the options that satisfy the curricular requirements.

Click here to download the Curriculum Planning Worksheet for the Certificate in Pastoral Leadership (<https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/ips/pdfs/Certificate%20in%20Pastoral%20Leadership.pdf>)

To learn more about the Certificate in Pastoral Leadership, please visit our request for information form (<https://www.luc.edu/ips/rfi/>) or attend an online information session.

## Graduate & Professional Standards and Regulations

Students in graduate and professional programs can find their Academic Policies in Graduate and Professional Academic Standards and Regulations (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional-academic-standards-regulations/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supercede school policies.

## Learning Outcomes

Students gain a foundational and broad base of knowledge and skills necessary for pastoral ministry, defined as a ministry of care through accompaniment and support focused on the emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of the person.