

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE

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.

This Certificate can be applied toward to the requirements of an MA degree at IPS, in whole or in part depending on the requirements of the MA in question.

Related Programs

Master's

- Pastoral Studies (MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/institute-pastoral-studies/pastoral-studies/pastoral-studies-ma/>)
- Pastoral Studies with a Concentration in Church Management (MA) ([https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/institute-pastoral-studies/pastoral-studies-church-management-concentration-ma/](https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/institute-pastoral-studies/pastoral-studies/pastoral-studies-church-management-concentration-ma/))
- Pastoral Studies with a Concentration in Religious Education (MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/institute-pastoral-studies/pastoral-studies/religious-education-concentration/>)

Curriculum

The Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Leadership requires completion of five courses (15 credit hours). For elective courses, students will work with their academic advisor to choose those 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.

Code	Title	Hours
IPS 564	Foundations of Pastoral Care	3
	Theology Elective	3
	Scripture Elective	3
	Two (2) Additional Elective Courses	6
Total Hours		15

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/academic-standards-regulations/graduate-professional/>) under their school. Any additional University Policies supersede 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.