



The Facts

In 2004 Eastern University, and its Seminary, Palmer Theological Seminary collaborated to launch a new program for women who are leading in various ministry capacities in organizations and churches. The Priscilla Institute (PI) at the Hestenes Center for Christian Women in Leadership is a program designed especially for women. PI makes it possible for women to achieve a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Eastern University.

The Priscilla Institute is an illustration of koinonia in practice. It combines courses from various schools within Eastern University resulting in a comprehensive outcomes based, learner centered education. Located on the campus of the Palmer Theological Seminary, The Priscilla Institute was designed to provide a well-rounded education for those who are on the front lines of ministry. It affords women the chance to develop their ministry, management, and leadership skills, offering those with little or no college education the opportunity to earn a degree and enhance their skills as a pastor, a minister, or a leader.

Diploma of Pastoral Studies 24 Credits

Students begin their journey, in **phase 1**, as a cohort with the Diploma of Pastoral Studies, which is a track offered in Palmer Theological Seminary's Eastern's School of Christian Ministry (ESCM). This stage offers each student 24 credits in Bible, ministry, and theology courses. In addition, it affords the student the well-rounded curriculum necessary to support leadership in ministry.

Liberal Arts Courses 43 Credits

Once attaining the Diploma of Pastoral Studies the student is then able to move on to **phase 2** of their program in School of Management Studies. Forty-three credits in Liberal Arts courses are taken during this phase. The 43 credits combined with the 24 credits in the Diploma of Pastoral Studies, will afford students 67 credits toward a Bachelor's degree.

Living Leadership Up to 18 Credits

Throughout their program students take a series of courses called Living Leadership (LEAD 1-VI). These courses integrate all learning with the basic, continuing theme of women in ministerial leadership. Students can earn up to 18 credits for this course in phases two and three.

Organizational Leadership 39 Credits

In **phase 3** students are taking courses in organizational leadership, which enhance the student's professional competence in leadership. The twelve courses plus the capstone project (39 credits) are designed to link theory to practice. This part of the program helps students to coordinate ministry, leadership and management in their churches and organizations. It also assists them in demonstrating the highest level of leadership that their potential affords.

Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership 121 Credits

At the conclusion of the Priscilla Institute students will have attained 121 credits, affording them a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Eastern University.