WEST VIRGINIA PROGRAM
2014-2015 ACADEMIC YEAR COURSE OFFERINGS
AND OTHER INFORMATION

September 2014 – June 2015

BIBL516 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK. A beginner's course in the language of the New Testament in which the basic elements of grammar are studied and guidance provided in the use of interpretive tools. The student is introduced to elementary readings in the New Testament. Core required course OPTION in both curricula. Two units. Dr. Trent Eastman. NOTE: A minimum of eight students must enroll in order for BIBL516 to be offered as a seminar course at the Parchment Valley site; otherwise, this will be offered on an independent study basis at New Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia.

SUPV520/521 THEOLOGICAL FIELD EDUCATION 1A/1B The first year of theological field education is comprised of supervised ministry in a church-based setting. Faculty-led seminar groups utilize an integrative reflective and practice model. Students must begin theological field education courses with the fall semester and remain in the seminar group and site placement through fall and spring semesters. Prerequisites: Minimum of 20 units of coursework completed; INT 501/SFRM510 Spiritual Formation; CM 502 Intro to Pastoral Care OR PRMN510 Foundations of Pastoral Care and Counseling; AND CTM 501 Systematic Theology I OR THLE520 Systematic Theology and Ethics. Core required course in both curricula. One unit each semester - two units total. Supervised Ministries Office/ Dennis Johnson.

SUPV522 CLINICAL PASTORAL CARE PRACTICUM. Pastoral visitation in a hospital or other institutional setting under clinical supervision. Verbatim reports, reading critiques, supervision, peer discussion and in-service learning experiences are included in the program. At least 160 hours of supervised learning is required. Offered during fall or spring semesters and in January or Summer terms. SUPV532 may be taken in place of SUPV522. Prerequisites: CM502 Intro to Pastoral Care OR PRMN510 Foundations of Pastoral Care and Counseling; AND CTM501/THLE520 Systematic Theology I. Core required course in both curricula. Two units. Supervised Ministries Department and institutional chaplain.

SUPV532 CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION. A basic CPE unit of supervised clinical pastoral education in certified CPE centers. The program includes verbatim writing, lectures, visitations, on-call involvement, peer process group, individual supervision and in-service learning experiences. At least 400 hours of supervised learning is required. Offered 12 weeks in the summer or as an extended experience throughout the academic year. Can be substituted for the required SUPV522. Prerequisites: CM502 Intro to Pastoral Care OR PRMN510 Foundations of Pastoral Care and Counseling; AND CTM501/THLE520 Systematic Theology I. Core required course OPTION in both curricula. Two units. Supervised Ministries Department and institutional chaplain.

INTENSIVE COURSES:

August 18 – 22, 2014
BIBL510 OLD TESTAMENT PENTATEUCH. This course aims at introducing students to the history and content of the Old Testament in general. The main focus however will be given to an examination of the Pentateuch. Issues such as Ancient Near Eastern context, structure, composition and history of scholarship of the Pentateuch will be discussed alongside themes of Creation, Fall, Flood, Emergence of Israel, and the Law. Several matters of interest regarding Israel’s cultic system will be discussed. Core required course in both curricula. Two units. Dr. Stephen Kim.

September 15 – 19, 2014
PRMN522 BOUNDARIES AND SYSTEMS FOR MINISTRY. This course seeks to develop a systemic understanding of how clearer boundaries are a foundational component of a healthier ministry. Throughout the course, the Seminarian will develop an increased awareness of the life-long process of personal and professional boundary setting by applying specific Systems Theories and concepts to the analysis of her/his own ministerial context and roles. Christian Education elective in previous curriculum; core required course for any students who have begun their degree work in Fall 2013 or later. Two units. Dr. S. Timothy Pretz.
October 27 – 31, 2014
BIBL521 PAULINE EPISTLES. This course covers the thirteen letters in the New Testament, from Romans to Philemon. Because these documents are pastoral letters, written to address specific problems, queries, and situations in the life of individuals and churches, we will pay attention to historical, cultural, social, and religious influences of the first century milieu. As much as we are able, we would like to hear these letters as though we were among the original recipients. Toward the end of the semester, we will identify key Pauline themes and emphases that emerge from these missives collectively. Core required course OPTION in both curricula. Two units. Dr. Kent Berghuis.

January 5 – 9, 2015
PRMN30 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Beginning with the history of Christian education in mainline Protestant denominations, this course seeks to equip leaders with educational tools useful for the teaching ministry of the church. Students will explore faith development, teaching and learning styles, group process, and curricula, while developing a foundation for effective education and formation of adults, children, youth, and families. Practice of Ministry elective in ‘new’ curriculum; Christian Education elective in previous curriculum. Two units. Rev. Jana Purkis-Brash.

February 9 – 13, 2015
PRMN523 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP. This course is designed to provide an exploration of various dynamics of pastoral leadership such as, but not limited to: leadership theories and models, pastoral identity, ministry paradigms, laity empowerment and transformation. Core required course in both curricula. Two units. Dr. Mike Sisson.

March 16 – 20, 2015
BIBL511 OLD TESTAMENT HISTORICAL BOOKS. This course focuses on the historical books of the Old Testament (Joshua through Esther). Attention will be given to examining the nature of biblical historical writing as well as the historical, archeological, literary, hermeneutical, and theological issues arising out of contemporary discourse over the Old Testament historical texts. Critical theories will therefore be explored and employed towards the development of exegetical skills needed for the interpretation and proclamation of Old Testament historical texts. Pre-requisite: BIBL510 Old Testament Pentateuch. Core required course in both curricula. Two units. Dr. Stephen Kim.

June 1 – 5, 2015 (Philadelphia/King of Prussia Campus)
CHHM30 CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION. An interdisciplinary introduction to the Church in mission around the world. Overview of the biblical and theological foundations for Christian mission and the historical development of models of missionary practice in light of anthropological and sociological perspectives. Analysis of key contemporary issues determined by the emergence of non-Western churches and the new local and global partnerships required to face obstacles and opportunities in the current century. Core required course in both curricula. Two units. Dr. Ben Hartley.

Tuition & Other Costs:
For the 2014-2015 academic year, tuition is $1080 per course (two units). This compares with $1,440 per course for full-time students and $1,520 per course for part-time students in the King of Prussia program. For Bowen Scholarship Information, West Virginia American Baptist students should contact Dr. Lloyd Hamblin at bowentrust@wvbc.org.

Students are responsible for the cost of travel, room and board at Parchment Valley. For current room and board rates for West Virginia Program students, contact Parchment Valley at 1-800-489-8564.

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