

# **Christian Leadership Program**

The online Christian Leadership Program nurtures the gifts of Christian leaders to build up the ministry of the local church. Lay pastors, commissioned ruling elders, church officers, and those seeking to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith will discover rich opportunities in this program.

## Participants benefit from:

- quality theological education
- flexibility of online learning
- engaging interaction with faculty
- community with other students

Courses are 12 weeks long and all core courses are offered in the fall and spring.

Summer courses are offered based upon demand and instructor availability.

Courses are taught by seminary faculty as well as experienced pastors in the field. Students are encouraged to enroll in one or two classes at a time.

## **Requirements:**

The work required in each course is approximately equivalent to a one credit college course.

- 300 500 pages of reading
- 7 10 pages of writing assignments
- 3 4 hours of weekly preparation and participation

## **Prerequisites:**

- Applicants must have a high school degree or GED.
- Completion of the introductory online learning course (OLC) is required.

**APPLY TODAY** 



"If you have some online learning fear, do not let it stop you . . . God has many new avenues of ministry for us to fill/answer the call!"

- Betty Lewis Kasperski (Georgetown, Delaware)

### **Program Overview**

The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary was the first Presbyterian seminary to offer distance learning programs and has a strong track record of success. Since its inception in 2000, approximately 2000 students from more than 150 presbyteries across the United States have participated in this program. Many have taken these courses to become Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

The online courses are offered in an asynchronous format meaning that students can access their courses at any time, day or night. Students are expected to interact and participate in weekly discussion boards on the online learning platform. Each course is capped at 20 students to offer students a space to build community and critically engage with each other, the instructor, and the texts.

#### **Core Courses**

- Intro. to Old Testament
- Intro. to New Testament
- Pastoral Care
- Presbyterian Polity
- Reformed Theology
- Intro. to Preaching
- Foundations of Christian Education
- Reformed Worship & Sacraments

#### Elective

Missional Christianity

## **Online Learning Skills**

Students are expected to have basic online navigation and understand netiquette. Students must enroll in the Online Learning Course (OLC) unless they already have online learning skills.

#### **Fees**

**Course Tuition:** \$350 per class **Online Learning Course:** \$75

**Application:** None

## FOR MORE INFORMATION: