



Erskine Online *Bridge* Certificate Program

Erskine Seminary seeks to fulfill its institutional mission by making seminary education more accessible and available to a wider audience. One of the ways in which we do this is through our Erskine Online *Bridge* Certificates offered through our Erskine Virtual Campus.

For those who are uncertain about their call to ministry or are not quite ready to pursue full-time study, we provide a *bridge* from where you are to where God wants you to be. Our online courses in Bible, Theology, Missions, and Ministry are bundled into specific certificate programs of five courses each. Upon the successful completion of the five courses you receive a certificate indicating your mastery of a specific area of study. You may take courses for personal enrichment with no credit, continuing education credit¹, or academic credit eventually leading to an Erskine Seminary degree. Tuition prices vary depending on the type of course credit you plan to take. These special rates provide a substantial savings from the current catalog tuition rate of \$1110 per course.

Bridge Tuition

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| • Certificate with no credit | \$500 |
| • Certificate for CEU credit ² | \$1000 |
| • Certificate for academic credit | \$3000 |

Here are the basics:

- Enrollment is easy since the seminary admits you as a special student.³ Please visit the [Admissions Office](#) page of the seminary web site and click through the Special Student application.

¹ Courses taken for personal enrichment and CEU credit will not transfer into a degree program.

² A typical 3 credit hour course equates to 3 CEU credits.

³ Students admitted with provisional acceptance are required to take as their first three courses, Introduction to Theological Education (2 credits), Writing for Seminary (2 credits), and Bible Survey (2 credits) totaling 6 credits.

- Special pricing structures for Erskine Online *Bridge* Certificates make earning a certificate affordable. We also offer a three month payment option for a small processing fee.
- When taken for academic credit (option # 3 above) the 15 credit hours that you earn by taking an Erskine *Bridge* Certificate transfer to most degree programs within the guidelines of the academic policies set by Erskine Seminary.
- The courses you take follow Erskine Seminary's normal academic schedule of four month semesters in the fall and spring, a three month January term, and a three month semester during the summer (June to August). Our flexible schedule makes it possible for you to fit our courses around your hectic ministry schedule. You may take two courses per semester or term which means you could complete your certificate in one academic year (fall, J-term, spring or fall, spring, summer).
- Some Erskine Online *Bridge* Certificate courses are video-based, some audio-based, and others textbook-based with assigned readings in a particular area of study. We offer all of our courses online so you will need a viable Internet connection to access your course materials.
- We provide an online orientation to help you navigate our online classrooms and an online orientation to spiritual formation in online classes. Continuous access technical support makes it possible for us to troubleshoot any problems for you.

Erskine Online *Bridge* Certificate Options

We offer five different *Bridge* Certificates from which to choose each with its own distinctive emphasis and concentration that you can tailor to your own ministry needs.

Certificate in Bible

Old Testament I
 The Minor Prophets
 New Testament I
 The Book of Acts
 1-2 Corinthians

Certificate in Theology

Early and Medieval Church History
 Systematic Theology I
 Systematic Theology II
 Systematic Theology III
 Christian Ethics

Certificate in Ministry

Pastoral Care Ministry
Promoting Spiritual Growth
Assessing Christian Education Ministry Effectiveness
Teaching Adults in the Church
Ministry to Older Adults

Certificate in Contemporary Church Ministry

Christian Ethics or Bioethics
Mirrors of Modern Culture
The Changing Face of the American Church
Planning for Change in the Modern Church
Developing the Missional Church

Certificate in Missions

Introduction to World Christianity
Cross Cultural Communication
Developing the Missional Church
Kingdom of God
Readings in Missions*

* Course pending

For more information about the Erskine Online Bridge Certificates please contact the Erskine Virtual Campus offices toll free at 866.596.3336 or contact Dr. Mary Lowe via email at mlope@erskine.edu or Dr. Steve Lowe at slowe@erskine.edu.