

AUBURN DISTRICT CONGRESS OF CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION JULY 15 & 16, 2015

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PHASE I

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**1004 Effective Bible Reading**

This course identifies methods and approaches to Bible study that can lead to spiritual growth and Christian maturity. Areas that will be covered include the structure of the Bible, resources for personal study, and other subjects that will add meaning to the reading of the Bible.

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**1007 Introduction to the Old Testament**

This course will survey the Old Testament. Included in this survey will be a general overview of the divisions, time periods, places, events, people, and archaeology of the Old Testament.

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**1072 Introduction to the New Testament**

This course will survey the New Testament. Included in this survey will be a general overview of the divisions, time periods, places, events, people, and archaeology of the New Testament sections of the Bible.

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**2007 Christian Stewardship**

This course will cover the basic tenets of Christian stewardship—time, talent, and tithe. Students will learn how to effectively manage their resources through a better understanding of the spiritual principles, practices, and contributions of Christian stewardship.

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**3008 Theology and History of Christianity**

This course will outline the development of the Christian movement from the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth to present times. Students will focus on the history, theology, culture, and times that enable Christianity to develop and grow. Prominent persons who impacted the Christian movement will be identified.

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**6021 Spiritual Formation**

This course is designed to enable people to mature in their Christian walks. It will focus on a creative and dynamic approach to nurturing people from children to mature adults—to become better disciples of Jesus Christ. Students will discuss what it means to be Christians.

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## PHASE I REQUIRED CERTIFICATION COURSES

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### **2023 Creative Ways of Teaching**

This course is designed to instruct in the methods of teaching in the local church setting. It is designed to assist teachers in discovering new ways of teaching, such as learning behaviors, and strategies of student learning and behavior.

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### **9008 Public Speaking**

This course will identify the process and principles for writing speeches and delivering them in public. In addition to writing and speaking skills, the students will learn basic verbal and nonverbal communications skills that will enable them to effectively communicate with audiences of all sizes.

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## PHASE II

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### **4012 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit**

Students will study the person and work of the Holy Spirit. This study will include a thorough look at the corresponding doctrines that impact our understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. The students will be able to clearly identify this doctrine of the church with a holistic understanding of salvation, with special emphases on justification, redemption, and sanctification.

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### **7024 Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts**

This course is designed to help the students understand who God has uniquely made them to be. In addition, in this course, students will work through a spiritual gift assessment that will help them to discover their spiritual gift(s). Discovering their spiritual gift(s) will prepare them to move into a meaningful area of service where they best fit into the body of Christ.

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## PHASE III

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### **7005 Christian Evangelism**

This course is designed to teach the basic steps in developing a program of evangelism. Students will discover the appropriate Scriptures to use, and the methods, techniques, and media best suited for witnessing to nonbelievers.

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# Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification (PATC)

## Application for Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification

The Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials (DCEAC) recognized the experience of the pastor in the local church. Therefore, designed the PATC to meet the needs of the local pastor as Christian Educator and teacher. The PATC gives the local pastor credentials to teach in various leadership schools on the local, state and national levels, and serves as a motivation to continue the life long process of Christian education. The PATC is designed to introduce the pastor to COPP, to give the pastor greater understanding of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.'s (NBC) educational programs and the role of the Christian Education Director, and to enhance the pastor's teaching skills through the course Creative Ways of Teaching. The program includes a hybrid emphasis of the following components:

- Introduction to COPP
- Christian education programs
- The role of the Christian education director
- Creative ways of teaching
- Briefings on all courses required for COPP, with emphasis on Phase One courses

Pastors who wish to enroll in the Pastor's Alternative Teacher Certification should do the following:

- Submit Form 14—Application for Pastor's Alternative for Teacher Certification along with all fees associated with the program
- Submit a letter from the church, on church stationery, verifying years of pastoral experience.
- Years spent as an assistant or associate pastor or minister are not accepted, and may not be substituted for full-time pastoral years. If a pastor has pastored more than one church that will equal to the five years, the pastor should submit a letter from both churches.
- Verification by program instructor that all training hours have been completed

Upon completion of the PATC program, the pastor becomes certifiable to become an instructor. He will be required to become a certified instructor, by submitting a Form 5—Application for Certification of Instructors , along with appropriate fees, to the CLS dean.