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Program in Ecumenical Studies and Formation



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Course Description

The Program in Ecumenical Studies and Formation is an accredited three-year program, dedicated to forming Christians in the theology, history and practice of ecumenism with the churches of Canada and abroad.

The intended audience of this program includes ecumenical officers; people in training for ministry; ministry practitioners whose work is located within an ecumenical setting; and lay people who wish to increase their knowledge of the ecumenical movement for greater participation.

The program assumes no prior theological training and will be offered each year in Saskatoon during the final week of June. Students who complete all three years will receive a certificate in Ecumenical Studies and Formation from St. Andrew's College and the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.



THE FIRST YEAR

The goal of the first year of the program is to *introduce* students to the basic history, ideas, and biblical perspectives involved in ecumenical thought and practice. Our instructors are ready to meet students at whatever level they are working – with as much or as little experience in theological education, biblical study, or 'church speak' as they bring. Each participant will be given the opportunity to reflect on:

Mapping Ecumenism
Biblical Foundations of Ecumenism
The History of Ecumenism
Spiritual Ecumenism
Principles of Ecumenical Theology

ADVANCED PROGRAM

Students who have completed the First Year program and wish to continue toward the three-year certificate will return for two subsequent summers. At the heart of our Advanced Program is the conviction that all theological reflection and Christian formation must be dialogical – not simply talkative but genuinely open to the other person, tradition, and way. As a result, while ecumenism is about more than 'dialogue,' the experience of dialogue is central to all ecumenical work. Ecumenical dialogues and their reception in worship practices, church structures, and common ministries form the raw material for discerning the unity given to the Church in Christ. As a result, our Advanced Program is constructed around the experience of ecumenical dialogues.

