

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Certificate in Church Leadership: Praxis

COLLEGE OF LEADERSHIP AND
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

100% ONLINE

16
CREDIT
HOURS



Admission Requirements:

- Complete the online program application accompanied by a non-refundable processing fee.
- Submit official high school and/or college transcripts.
- Students are not required to submit ACT or SAT test scores.
- Two letters of recommendation from the leadership of the applicant's home congregation. (Recommendation forms will be provided.)
- An essay in response to a provided prompt. This essay will serve as a writing sample and will help determine student fit in the program.

Cost:

- Per Credit: \$395
- Per Course: \$1,185
- Total Tuition: \$6,320
- Total Tuition + Fees: \$7,870

Timeline: 8-12 Months

Job Outlook in Texas:

9,670 Jobs

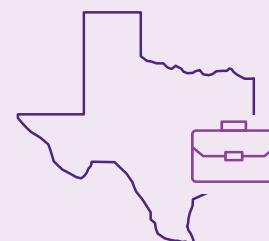
in 2025*

+1.1%

Employment Growth (2025-2026)

\$54,200 *per year*

Median Earnings



*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with Undergraduate Certificate. Source Lightcast 2026.



Course Requirements:

BSCO 311 Pastoral Ministry (3 credit hours)

This introductory course helps students understand the personal, relational, and theological dynamics of pastoral ministry and provides practical skills and tools for the nurture and care of others in a ministry context.

COMO 241: Interpersonal Communication (3 credit hours)

Skills and theory of interpersonal relationships, including marriage, family, and work. Deals with communication variables that influence dyads.

BMSO 420 Gospel in a Multicultural World (3 credit hours)

This course enables students to develop a theology of mission by looking at the biblical basis of mission and sharpening their understanding of the gospel. Students will grapple with the challenge of interpersonal identification and models of communication. Students will explore methods of planting meaningful communities of faith in various cultural contexts.

BIMO 439 Teaching and Learning for Spiritual Formation

(3 credit hours)

This course explores teaching and learning in both formal and informal contexts for the purpose of spiritual formation. Emphasis is given to the theory and practice of teaching, principles of learning, and the organization of planned learning experiences within the church.

BCSO 442: Contemporary Ecclesiology (3 credit hours)

Introduces the field of ecclesiology and explores contemporary challenges and faithful modalities of church in post-Christian America. Topics include church in scripture, characteristics of faithful churches, navigating change, and fresh expressions of church.

BCSO 495: Church Leadership Praxis Capstone (1 credit hour)

This capstone to the Certificate in Church Leadership: Praxis synthesizes the material the student has learned in the praxis certificate coursework and applies one focused aspect of it effectively and creatively to their Christian context for faithful transformation.