

LIFESONG SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Diploma in Theology and Ministry Leadership

Standard Two-Year Program Plan | 60 Semester-Equivalent Units

60

SEMESTER-EQUIVALENT UNITS

4

ACADEMIC SEMESTERS

20

REQUIRED COURSES

4

SUPERVISED PRACTICA

PROGRAM PURPOSE

A church-based, Spirit-filled, Word-grounded ministry formation and sending program operated by LifeSong Church.

The Diploma in Theology and Ministry Leadership exists to form, equip, activate, and send men and women who carry the presence of God, advance the Kingdom, and strengthen a Spirit-filled movement of revival, discipleship, and multiplication. Across four academic semesters, students are rooted in Scripture, sharpened in doctrine, formed in character, activated through supervised ministry, and prepared to serve faithfully wherever God sends them.

FOUNDATIONS	FORMATION	MINISTRY	MULTIPLICATION
Scripture, LifeSong culture, Spirit-filled foundations, and the mission of the Kingdom.	Prayer, worship, discipleship, character, and presence-centered living.	Supervised ministry, mentoring, activation, feedback, and growing responsibility.	Leadership, teaching, missions, revival, multiplication, and Kingdom advance.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

- Four 15-unit semesters in a standard sequence.
- One supervised ministry practicum course each semester.
- PRA 299 integrates practicum completion with the program capstone.
- Biblical studies, theology, history, ministry practice, leadership, ethics, and formation.
- Final-semester specialization elective tied to calling and gifts.
- Participation in the LifeSong Internship is optional and distinct from the diploma program.

COMPLETION CREDENTIAL AND IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE

Students who complete all published requirements may be awarded a Diploma in Theology and Ministry Leadership. LifeSong School of Ministry is a religious ministry education program operated by LifeSong Church. LSOM is not currently accredited and does not award accredited college credit. Completion does not guarantee transfer credit, ordination, employment, licensing, staff placement, or ministry appointment.

YEAR ONE | FOUNDATIONS OF THE HOUSE AND THE WORD

Year One Program Plan

Rooted in Scripture, formed in the house, awakened to the mission, and activated through supervised ministry.

SEMESTER 1 | FOUNDATIONS OF THE HOUSE AND THE WORD

15 units

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS	COMPLETE
LSOM 101	The LifeSong Way: Cultural and Spiritual Formation	3	☐
BIB 101	Biblical Interpretation and Study Methods	3	☐
BIB 111	Old Testament Survey	3	☐
MIN 101	Spiritual Formation and Christian Practices	3	☐
PRA 190	Supervised Ministry Practicum I	3	☐
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Semester emphasis: students are rooted in LifeSong culture, Scripture, spiritual disciplines, and faithful service as they begin to discern calling and learn to carry the culture of the house.

SEMESTER 2 | FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

15 units

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS	COMPLETE
BIB 112	New Testament Survey	3	☐
THE 101	Christian Doctrine I	3	☐
HIS 101	Church History and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements	3	☐
MIN 120	Evangelism, Discipleship, and Small Groups	3	☐
PRA 191	Supervised Ministry Practicum II	3	☐
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Semester emphasis: students build New Testament and theological foundations, embrace the Spirit-filled story of the Church, and are activated for evangelism, discipleship, and small-group mission.

YEAR ONE FORMATION MARKERS

WORD	PRESENCE	SERVICE	DISCIPLESHIP
Study, interpret, apply, and proclaim Scripture with truth and conviction.	Cultivate prayer, worship, obedience, and a life responsive to the Holy Spirit.	Serve with faithfulness, humility, teamwork, and readiness for greater responsibility.	Share the Gospel, make disciples, and help others take their next steps in Christ.

ADVISOR NOTES / STUDENT PLANNING NOTES

YEAR TWO | SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LEADERSHIP AND MULTIPLICATION

Year Two Program Plan

Spirit-empowered ministry, pastoral leadership, Kingdom advance, and multiplication for a revival movement.

SEMESTER 3 | SPIRIT-EMPOWERED PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

15 units

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS	COMPLETE
THE 201	Christian Doctrine II	3	☐
THE 220	The Holy Spirit, Spiritual Gifts, and Spirit-Empowered Ministry	3	☐
MIN 210	Pastoral Care, Prayer, Healing, and Deliverance	3	☐
LDR 201	Servant Leadership, Teams, and Church Administration	3	☐
PRA 290	Supervised Ministry Practicum III	3	☐
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Semester emphasis: students deepen theological understanding and are activated to minister in the Holy Spirit with biblical faithfulness, pastoral wisdom, prayerful boldness, and servant leadership.

SEMESTER 4 | TEACHING, INTEGRITY, AND MULTIPLICATION

15 units

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS	COMPLETE
BIB 220	Preaching and Teaching Scripture	3	☐
ETH 201	Christian Ethics, Character, and Leadership Integrity	3	☐
MIN 230	Missions, Outreach, and Church Multiplication	3	☐
MIN 240	Ministry Specialization Elective	3	☐
PRA 299	Supervised Ministry Practicum IV and Capstone	3	☐
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Semester emphasis: students learn to proclaim Scripture, lead with integrity, advance the Kingdom through missions and multiplication, and demonstrate readiness through practicum and capstone.

POSSIBLE MINISTRY SPECIALIZATION ELECTIVES

- Pastoral Leadership and Campus Ministry
- Next Generation and Family Ministry
- Discipleship, Prayer, and Pastoral Care
- Small Groups and Leadership Development
- Worship and Creative Ministry
- Missions and Community Transformation
- Ministry Operations and Communications
- Evangelism and Outreach

ADVISOR NOTES / YEAR TWO PLANNING AND SPECIALIZATION SELECTION

PROGRAM COMPLETION | PRACTICUM | CAPSTONE

Completion and Ministry Formation Plan

The diploma is completed through integrated study, spiritual formation, supervised ministry, mentoring, activation, and capstone review - preparing students to serve and be sent.

UNIT DISTRIBUTION AND COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIREMENT AREA	UNITS
LifeSong Culture and Formation	3
Biblical Studies	12
Theology and Doctrine	9
Church History and Spirit-Filled Movements	3
Ministry Practice and Leadership	15
Ethics and Character	3
Ministry Specialization Elective	3
Supervised Ministry Practicum and Capstone	12
TOTAL REQUIRED UNITS	60

SUPERVISED MINISTRY PRACTICUM PATHWAY

PRA 190 Rooted in the house through faithful service, ministry culture, observation, and mentor feedback.	PRA 191 Growing responsibility, teamwork, communication, and activation for disciple-making ministry.	PRA 290 Greater initiative, leadership capacity, ministry planning, and Spirit-empowered competency.	PRA 299 Capstone integration, final practicum review, portfolio, ministry demonstration, and commissioning readiness.
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GRADUATION AND CAPSTONE CHECKLIST

- Complete all 20 required courses and 60 semester-equivalent units.
- Maintain satisfactory academic standing, attendance, participation, and academic integrity.
- Remain in good standing regarding student conduct, ministry conduct, safety, and formation expectations.
- Complete all four supervised ministry practica and required ministry hours.
- Complete the PRA 299 capstone requirements, which may include a ministry portfolio, reflection paper, ministry project, sermon or teaching presentation, leadership plan, or final interview.
- Receive final completion approval through the LSOM graduation review process.

STUDENT AND ADVISOR RECORD

STUDENT NAME _____	STUDENT ID / EMAIL _____
ADVISOR / PROGRAM DIRECTOR _____	MINISTRY PLACEMENT _____
EXPECTED START TERM	EXPECTED COMPLETION TERM