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# Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida Catalog

This catalog contains current information regarding admissions, degree requirements, fees, policies, and course offerings; it does not constitute a contract. The policy of TTSSF is to give advance notice of change whenever possible, to permit adjustment. However, the administration reserves the right to modify, revoke or add policies or procedures at any time. If a student drops out of the seminary or becomes inactive and later decides to return, he/she will be under the jurisdiction of the policies and procedures that are current and in force at the time he/she returns.

Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida is proud to announce that it offers off-campus, self-paced, educational studies. Advanced placement is offered through credits granted for life experience and courses taken at other institutions. TTSSF is authorized to award Certificates, Associates, Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees in the State of Florida.

We invite you to call and schedule a meeting with the Office of Academic Affairs!

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# **Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida**

## **2009 - 2010 Academic Calendar**

### **Session I**

**(August 17, 2009 - October 2, 2009)**

Orientation/Registration -	August 17, 2009 – August 21, 2009
Classes Begin -	August 24, 2009 – August 28, 2009
<b>Labor Day (No Class) -</b>	<b>September 7, 2009</b>
Monday Class Held Tuesday -	September 8, 2009
<b>***Portfolio Submission Deadline -</b>	<b>September 4, 2009 (ALL NEW STUDENTS)</b>
Final Examinations -	September 28, 2009 – October 2, 2009

### **Session II**

**(October 5, 2009 – November 13, 2009)**

Session II Classes Begin -	October 5, 2009 – October 9, 2009
Final Examinations -	November 9, 2009 – November 13, 2009

### **Session III**

**(November 16, 2009 - January 15, 2010)**

Session III Classes Begin -	November 16, 2009 – November 20, 2009
<b>*** Missionary Student Activities -</b>	<b>November 23, 2009 – November 25, 2009</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Holiday (No Class)</b>	<b>November 26, 2009 – November 27, 2009</b>
Classes Resume -	November 30, 2009 – December 4, 2009
<b>*** Christmas Student Activities (Sat.) -</b>	<b>December 12, 2009</b>
<b>Christmas/New Year Vacation -</b>	<b>December 21, 2009 – January 1, 2010</b>
Classes Resume -	January 4, 2010 – January 8, 2010
Final Examinations -	January 11, 2010 – January 15, 2010

### **Session IV**

**(January 18, 2010 - February 26, 2010)**

Session IV Classes Begin -	January 18, 2010 – January 22, 2010
<b>*Degree/Graduation Application Deadline -</b>	<b>January 29, 2010 (ALL GRADUATES)</b>
<b>*Ordination Application Deadline -</b>	<b>January 29, 2010 (Only Completed Application Accepted)</b>
<b>MLK Day (No Class) -</b>	<b>January 18, 2010</b>
Monday Class Held Tuesday -	January 19, 2010
<b>*** Student Activity (Sat.)</b>	<b>January 30, 2010</b>
Final Examinations -	February 22, 2010 – February 26, 2010

### **Session V**

**(March 1, 2010 - April 16, 2010)**

Session V Classes Begin -	March 1, 2010 – March 5, 2010
<b>Workshop I (Sat.) -</b>	<b>March 13, 2010</b>
<b>Tuition must be "Paid In Full"</b>	<b>April 1, 2010</b>
<b>Resurrection/Easter (No Classes) -</b>	<b>April 5, 2010 – April 9, 2010</b>
Final Examinations -	April 12, 2010 - April 16, 2010
<b>*** Doctoral Defense</b>	<b>April 24, 2010</b>
<b>Workshop II (Sat.) -</b>	<b>May 15, 2010</b>

**Graduation Weekend Activities: May 28-30, 2010 (Friday-Sunday)**  
**Commencement (Graduation) Ceremony - May 30, 2010**

**\*\*\* Note - Mandatory Requirements for all Students and Locations:**

Submission of Application Packet and Portfolio – Required for Degree.

Workshops, Missionary and Student Activities Participation – Required for Degree Credit Hours.

Bachelor Students - Research Paper required for graduation.

Master Students - Thesis required for graduation.

Doctoral Students - Dissertation and Defense of Dissertation required for graduation.

All Papers turn in to TTSSF MUST adhere to the APA Style - Writing Guidelines.

## **WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT**

I am thankful to God for the gift of a school established in Jesus' name and based on His principles. Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida is committed to the Christian Community, to educate, equip and train men and women for leadership in God's kingdom. My goal is to qualify the students to be an asset to the community. I want the students to gain the knowledge to serve the life of the church and seminary, seeking to preserve its heritage. Therefore, I am seeking to build and support a community of Christian faith, worship and study. It is my mission to prepare the students for spiritual growth and development.

The courses are based strictly on the Holy Scripture (the 66 books of the Bible), which I believe is the word of the True and Living God. My endeavor is to create a hunger for His word and a proficiency in the declaration of the Gospel through proper communicative skills.

The study of the Bible, Christian Education, Christian Psychology and Theology will give a strong foundation from which the Gospel will be proclaimed.

All degrees of Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida are of an ecclesiastical nature, and whether granted or conferred, are in the restricted area of Religion with special purpose of preparing persons to work in the area of Religion, (whether service activities, educational, or Ministerial) and are not designed to be used in general academic circles.

TTSSF accepts credits from all schools compatible in mission and doctrine and, in addition, will offer credit for service in the Ministry, work related fields, church study courses, and seminars attended.

Like I am! You can be proud of TTSSF, and consider it comparable to any other seminary! Consider yourself a member of our large family. I am here to assist you with your spiritual growth and development. Welcome to the Family of Trinity.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Blanche Johnson Davis

Founder and President

# Mission Statement

The mission of Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida is to educate men and women and our youth for leadership in God's mission to the world through the church by being an international community of Christian faith, learning, and ministry committed to quality teaching, scholarship, and theological leadership.

## Goals

To accomplish this mission, Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida Seminary is committed to the following goals:

1. To educate men and women for the ordained and lay ministries of the Church.
2. To witness to an understanding of ministry that serves the ongoing renewal of the church for the sake of God's mission to a world that is secular, pluralistic, and global.
3. To foster theological education that is contextual, cross-cultural, inclusive, international, and ecumenical.
4. To serve the life of the Church and Seminary, seeking to preserve its heritage and contribute to the shaping of its future.
5. To build and support a community of common life, worship and study, service and witness, understanding that such experience of community is foundational in preparing persons for ministry.
6. To care for the totality of the person while pursuing its fundamentally academic task.
7. To encourage and support persons preparing for specialized multiple-staff ministries (especially church music, education, and youth).
8. To encourage and support persons preparing for or engaged in theological scholarship and teaching.
9. To advance theological knowledge and the creation of resources for the life and witness of the church.

*In pursuing our goals, we exhibit our theological and formational values:*

# Theological Values - Doctrinal Statement

The Church accepts the Holy Bible as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith a practice, and for clarification of the bible and adopts the following statements of corporate, core beliefs:

## **1. The Scriptures Inspired**

The Scriptures, Old and New Testament, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible and authoritative rule of faith and conduct (I Tim 3:15-17; I Thess 2:13; II Peter 1:21).

## **2. The One True God**

The one True God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I Am," the Creator of the heaven and earth and Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son and the Holy Spirit (Deut 6:4; Isa 43:10, 11; Matt 28:19; Luke 3:22).

## **3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The Scriptures declare:

- (a) His virgin birth (Matt 1:23; Luke 1:31, 35)
- (b) His sinless life (Heb 7:26; I Peter 2:22)
- (c) His miracles (Acts 2:22, 10:38)
- (d) His Substitutionary work on the cross (I Cor 15:3, II Cor 5:21)
- (e) His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt 28:6; Luke 24:39; I Cor 15:4)
- (f) His exaltation to the right hand of God the Father (Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Phil 2:9-11; Heb 1-3)

## **4. The Fall of Man**

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness." Man, however, by voluntary transgression fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also and primarily spiritual death which is separation from God (Gen 1:26-27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom 5:12-19).

## **5. The Salvation of Man**

Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

### **(a) Conditions to Salvation**

Salvation is received through repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ: by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, being justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Rom 10:13-15; Eph 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5-7).

### **(b) The Evidences of Salvation**

The inward evidence of Salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Rom 8: 16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness (Eph 4:24; Titus 2: 12).

## **6. The Sacraments of the Church**

The early church fathers recognized God's usage of material things to actually transmit His power and grace according to His will. This understanding is affirmed by the scriptures and most succinctly defined by the early church as being "the visible form of an invisible grace." The following are recognized as being biblical sacraments:

### **(a) Laying on of Hands**

God works supernaturally through the hands of men to perform healing (Mark 16:18; Acts 3:7), to baptize men and women in the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17, 19:6), and to impart gifts as the Spirit wills (Acts 13:3; I Tim 4:14; II Tim 1:6).

### **(b) Baptism in Water**

Baptism in water is commanded by the Lord Himself in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of Life. Though not efficacious in itself, baptism is both a means of grace and an outward and visible sign of our inward experience (Matt 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48).

### **(c) Holy Communion**

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements--bread and the fruit of the vine--is, by faith and as defined historically by the church, an actual sharing in the power of the Spirit and the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Peter 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (I Cor 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (I Cor 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "till He come!"

## **7. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

All believers are entitled to and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian church. With it comes the endowment of power for service, the bestowal of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1; 4, 8; I Cor 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 15:7-9). With the baptism in the Holy Spirit come such experiences as an overflowing fullness of the Spirit (John 7:37-39; Acts 4:8), a deepened reverence for God (Acts 2:43; Heb 12:28), and intensified consecration to God and dedication to His work (Acts 2:42), and a more active love for Christ, for His Word and for the lost (Mark 16:20).

## **8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**

The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (I Cor 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.

## **9. Sanctification**

Sanctification is an act of separation from sin and other evil, and of personal dedication unto God (Rom 12:1; I Thess 5:23; Heb 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord (Heb 12: 14)." By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy for I am holy" (I Peter 1:15, 16).

Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Rom 6:1-11, 13; 8:1,2,13; Gal 2:20; Phil 2:12,13; I Peter 1:5).



## **10. The Church and Its Mission**

The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven (Eph 1:22, 23; 2:22; Heb 12:23).

Since God's purpose concerning man is to be worshipped by him, to build these worshippers into a mature body in the image of His Son and to seek and save those which are lost,

Independent Christian Center's three part mission is:

- (a) To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (Jn 4: 23; I Cor 12: 13; Heb 2: 12).
- (b) To be a vessel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph 4:11-16; I Cor 12:28; I Cor 14:12).
- (c) To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8; Matt 28:19, 20; Mark 16: 15, 16).

Independent Christian Center exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to the New Testament apostolic pattern of teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience:

- (a) Adds a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God (Acts 10:46; I Cor 2:10-16; I Cor 12-14).
- (b) Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ (I Cor 12:28; Eph 4:11-16; Col 1:29).
- (c) Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20; Acts 4:29-31; Heb 2:3, 4).

## **11. The Ministry**

A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the three-fold purpose of leading the Church in:

- (a) Worship of God (John 4:23, 24),
- (b) Building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph 4:11-16), and
- (c) Evangelization of the world (Mark 16: 15-20).

The Ordained Ministry is Five-fold in composition, consisting of the following office Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher. These ministries are gifts to the Church given to her by Christ Himself (Eph 4:7-13) and which function under His authority.

## **12. Divine Healing**

Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Provision for deliverance from sickness is made in the Substitutionary suffering and death of Christ, and is the privilege and right of all believers through faith in that work (Isa 53:4-5; Matt 8:17; I Peter 2:24; James 5:14-16).

### **13. The Blessed Hope**

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (I Thess 4:16,17; Rom 8:23; Titus 2:13; I Cor 15: 51, 52).

### **14. The Millennial Reign of Christ**

The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of the Lord with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zech 14:5; Matt 24:27,30; Rev 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6).

This millennial reign will bring the salvation of the nation Israel (Ezek 37:21, 22; Zeph 3: 19, 20; Rom 11: 26, 27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isa 11:6-9; Psalm 72:3-8; Micah 4:3, 4).

### **15. The Final Judgment**

There will be a final judgment in which those who reject Christ as Savior will be raised and judged according to their works. Their names will not be found written in the Lambs Book of Life and they will be consigned, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, to everlasting punishment in the lake, which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Matt 25 :46; Mark 9:43-48; Rev 19:20; 20:11-15; 21:8).

**16. Women in the Ministry:** There is no scriptural prohibition concerning women ministering in the church. (Acts 18:24-26; 21:8-9) Women are part of the One Body of Christ, which is neither male nor female, with gifts differing according to' the grace that is in them. (Gal. 3:28; Rom. 12:4-6)

**17. Total Prosperity:** Spiritual: John 3:3. II Cor. 5:17-21; Mental: II Tim. 1:7; Rom. 12:2; Physical: Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:17; Financial: III John 1:2 Mal. 3:10-11; Social: Prov 3:4.

## **Formational Value**

1. Proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments is the foundation of all expressions of Christian community, including seminary communities.
2. Life in Jesus Christ is one of continual appropriation of God's gracious call to discipleship through rebirth, growth, and repentance
3. Formal preparation for all the ministries of the church entails the nurturing of personal faith through active participation in the worship, learning, service, and witness of the Christian community.
4. Faith active in love strives for peace, justice, human dignity, reconciliation, hospitality, personal trustworthiness, appropriate attention to health, compassion, courage and hope in life and death, and the stewardship of all creation.
5. Integrative and holistic education for every ministry of the church encourages the formation of Christian personhood through active participation in community life, trusting God's baptismal justification in self- and peer-evaluation, acquiring competence in academic study, appropriating internally the whole Christian heritage and engaging in the contextual formation of ministry.
6. Readiness for both lay and ordained ministry entails a life nurtured in the Scripture, leading to a Reformation perspective of Christian Scripture and doctrinal tradition and a responsible hermeneutic mind set for interpreting the texts in the dialogue between the word and the world.
7. Readiness for both lay and ordained ministry means progress toward becoming evangelical, faithful reforming, pastoral, ecumenical, and ethical.
8. Readiness for both lay and ordained ministry means learning to experience the gifts of women and men, of various ages and representative cultures, classes, ethnic groups, and conditions of humanity, in order to offer theological and pastoral leadership to the church.

The seminary is a center for reflection, scholarship, and teaching that both sustains and helps in the continual renewal of the church. The seminary seeks to develop and sustain the highest possible level of theological expertise in its faculty and the greatest possible opportunity for educational achievement in its program resources.

Effective preparation and continuing education for leadership ministries requires an interactive partnership between seminaries, synods, congregations, agencies, and church-wide units of the church.

Our self-understanding and purposes are measured by their faithfulness to the mission called into being the Good News that Jesus is Christ.

### **AFFILIATION**

Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida is a ministry of Faith Temple Development Center Inc. of Fort Pierce, Florida and a non-denominational church and corporation in the State of Florida.

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ational programs and majors offered and degrees granted by TSSF are exclusively in religious disciplines for ministerial, missionary, and religious education and services. The sole purpose and function of our programs, courses and curricula are to prepare genuinely Born Again believers in Christ for the work of service or ministry in accordance to the premise of Ephesians 4: 7-16, et. al. Degrees issued through ecclesiastical educational institutions, such as TTSSF, may not be regarded by some in the secular academic and business communities with parity to those issued by state, secular, or other private universities. On the contrary, we desire to make it clear that the two are manifestly different in terms of premise, substance, delivery system, philosophy of both purpose and application, and status.

As required by Florida Statue 246.084, a minimum if 60 credits is required for the Associates Degree, 120 credits for the Bachelors, 24 hours beyond the Bachelors for the Masters, 60 hours beyond the Bachelors for the Doctorate, and 21 hrs for the Certificate.

Required courses from Areas 1 combine to form out core courses, giving every student primary background in theology. Area 2 concentrates on courses, which allow the student to major in his or her area of ministry. We offer the following degree areas: Ministry, Theology, Christian Counseling, Christian Education, Biblical Studies, Religious Fine Arts, Chaplaincy and Christian Media Communications. Thus you may earn any of the following degrees (or Lay Ministry certificate, which requires no previous certificates or degrees) in those areas:

- Associate of Arts (A.A.)
- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Theology (Th.D.)

TTSSF also awards the following honorary degrees: D.D. - Doctor of Divinity (for outstanding ministry), D. Evan. - Doctor of Evangelism (for outstanding evangelism efforts) or C.E.D. - Doctor of Education (for an exemplary teaching ministry.)

# DEGREE AREAS OUTLINE

## LAY MINISTRY CERTIFICATE 21 Credits Required (6 Courses)

Core Area	15 credits
Major Electives	3 credits
Student Ministry Seminar	<u>3 credits</u>
	21 Credits Total

## ASSOCIATES DEGREES 60 Credits Required (19 Courses)

Core Area	45 credits
Major Electives	12 credits
Student Ministry Seminar	<u>3credits</u>
	60 Credits Total

## BACHELORS DEGREES 120 Credits Required (34 Courses)

A Bachelors Degree (B.A. or B.S.) in anyone of the nine programs of study. The objective of the Bachelors Degree Program is to give the student specialized and in-depth information to enhance skill development in his or her area of education.

Core Area	60 credits
Major Electives	21 credits
Student Ministry Seminar	3 credits
Workshops/Missionary & Student Activities	9 credits
Research Paper	6 credits
Electives	<u>21 credits</u>
	120 Credits Total

## MASTERS DEGREES 54 Credits Required (12 Courses)

A Masters Degree in anyone of the eight programs of study. The student has earned at least 120 earned, transferable credits (including life-experience credits) and a Bachelors Degree.

Core Area	30 credits
Major Electives	6 credits
Student Ministry Seminar	3 credits
Workshops/Missionary & Student Activities	9 credits
Thesis	<u>6 credits</u>
	54 Credits Total

## DOCTORAL DEGREES 99 Credits Required Beyond Bachelor's Degree

A student may pursue a Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) in anyone of the eight programs of study. All students must have earned a Masters Degree.

Student Ministry Seminar	3 credits
Workshops/Missionary & Student Activities	9 credits
Internship	12 credits
Dissertation	<u>21 credits</u>
	45 Credits Total

## **SECTION 2: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **ACCREDITATION AND CREDIT TRANSFER**

In compliance with Florida Statute 1005.06, Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida (TTSSF) institutional profile is on file with the Florida Department of Education, Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities, wherein a religious college may operate without governmental oversight and therefore authorized to grant degrees it awards from a certificate, associates, bachelors, masters, and doctorates degrees. TTSSF letter of compliance from the Florida Department is on file for public purview in the admissions office.

TTSSF became accredited to ensure accountability to:

1. Certify that an institution has met the established standards of excellence.
2. Assist prospective students in identifying reputable institutions that offer degree programs which will meet their needs and goals.
3. Allow institutions to evaluate the acceptability of transfer credits into their own curricula programs.

TTSSF is accredited through a private international theological accrediting agency, the National Private Schools Association Group, Inc., (407-522-0124), which is not recognized by or affiliated with any governmentally-affiliated agencies such as the United States Department of Education. Therefore, TTSSF accepts no governmental grants or financial aid. All degrees awarded by this institution are of an ecclesiastical nature.

### **DISCLOSURE POLICY**

Credits and degrees earned from colleges in the State of Florida which operate without governmental oversight, do not automatically qualify the holder for teaching certification nor do they qualify them to participate in professional licensing examinations. Any person interested in obtaining a teaching certificate or practicing a regulated profession should contact the appropriate regulatory agency in the field of his or her interest.

### **DISCLAIMER POLICY**

Transferability of credits earned at Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida and transferred to another institution is at the discretion of the receiving institution.

## **A SELF-PACED CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE**

Your ministry has already begun. We encourage you not to be unduly pressured to complete the Certificate or Degree Program by a certain time. It is best to pursue your training at a relaxed, yet steady, rate and accompany it with continuous ministry. Thus, as your training moves toward culmination, you find yourself also in a growing and flourishing ministry.

### **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Christian experience: TTSSF invites applications from those persons committed to Christ and His Kingdom. This commitment should be joined with recognition of the Bible as the authoritative, uniquely inspired, and inerrant Word of God. 2. Education: a High School Certificate or its equivalent. (Student without such a certificate may enroll on a probationary status - counsel and guidance are available to those pursuing a G.E.D. General Equivalency Certificate. Due to State Educational requirements, a degree cannot be awarded without a High School Certificate or its equivalent. 3. Age: a minimum of 18 years unless a high school graduate.

### **ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE**

1. Complete the TTSSF application for admission form and a notarized copy of your birth certificate, social security card and a photo 1D card (driver's license or other type of 1D card) 2. Return the completed form to TTSSF. 3. When all parts of the admission form are returned, contact the school to schedule an interview with the Dean. This interview with the Dean will not be scheduled until all forms are returned and completed. 4. Applicants for admission to Trinity Theological Seminary South Florida will be considered without regard to race, class, or nationality. The prospective student is assessed according to academic background and personal testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. The prospective student's complete record, recommendation, and personal information will be taken into consideration during the review process. If the prospective student meets the required standard, he is admitted to TTSSF until he completes his program or becomes inactive. 5. The student portfolio is due at the time of admission (contact faculty advisor for requirements).

### **REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION**

1. New students may register during the planned evening registration. Dates may be found on the TTSSF calendar. 2. Returning students may register either by mail, email, and a personal appointment with the Dean, or during the above listed times. Returning students are encouraged to pre-register during the current semester for the upcoming semester. A pre-registration date will be announced. 3. During registration, students will sign up for their desired courses and pay their tuition. 4. Returning students do not need to attend orientation. Orientation will acquaint the new student with our TTSSF



**Refund Policy** If a student is compelled to withdraw from school or reduce his or her course load during a semester, refunds will be made as follows:

- \* Withdrawal during the first three days 100%
- \* Withdrawal during the first week 80%
- \* Withdrawal during the second week 60%
- \* Withdrawal during the third week 40%
- \* Withdrawal during the fourth week 20%
- \* Withdrawal after the fourth week NONE

### **Financial Assistance**

Because of its low tuition rate, TTSSF believes that all of our students are already enjoying financial assistance to some extent.

### **Discounts**

1. SENIOR CITIZENS DISCOUNT - we are offering a discount of *20%* tuition costs for any student 60 years of age or older.
3. SECOND FAMILY MEMBER DISCOUNT - all immediate family members receive a *15% tuition* discount.

### **Financial Gifts**

Your financial gifts are welcomed and appreciated. We rely on tuition, fees, and gifts to cover all of our operating cost. The revenue generated by our low tuition does not begin to meet our needs.

Pastors, an annual TTSSF offering would be very appropriate and most appreciated. Individuals may wish to commemorate a dear loved one with a scholarship fund in that name of that particular saint. Also it may be possible to remember TTSSF in the last will and testament. What more exciting prospect could there be, than to know that when one is home with the Lord, his influence will continue as men and women prepare for ministry through his or her thoughtfulness!

Help us today with your generous financial gift. No matter how small or big your gift is, you will make a difference. To make such an arrangement, please call or write Dr. Blanche Johnson Davis, TTSSF President at

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Vero Beach, Florida 32966  
772-569-2937 or 772-501-1008  
Fax: 772-567-7558

### **AUDITING A COURSE**

A student may audit a course under the following arrangements.

1. The student is not required to do any homework for the course.
2. The student will not receive a course grade.
3. The cost remains the same as for a matriculating student.

### **REPEATING COURSES FREE**

A student who has successfully completed a TTSSF course may attend and repeat the class in future semesters free of charge. If student elects this option, pre-registration for the course is necessary.

### **ESTABLISHING "LIFE EXPERIENCE EQUIVALENCY"**

Previous life experience may provide equivalent knowledge and training in one or several areas. Life Experience Credits may be received in the following ways:

1. Transcripts from other colleges.
2. A passing score on the "Standardized Bible Content Test", offered twice each year. (Check the TTSSF calendar in the front of this catalog to see when it is being offered). A student receiving an "A" on the SBCT may automatically receive 9 credits toward Bible Studies, and is allowed to omit 3 courses. Anyone receiving a "B" will be given 6 credits for New Testament Survey without being required to take the courses. Anyone receiving a "C" will be given 3 credits and may omit one New Testament Survey Course (Fee of \$25.00 for SBCT).
3. Documented personal studies reflecting college-level research and learning may be assessed for TTSSF credit. One wishing to establish "equivalency" for a course may do so by making an appointment with the Dean. A \$20.00 fee will be assessed to the student in order to establish equivalency for the course. Normal tuition will be charged for a credit established.

### **THE MODULAR EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The Modular Program allows students to take many TTSSF courses individually with a Mentor (TTSSF instructor) rather than in the classroom setting. For example, a student may take Hebrews in either a classroom setting or in a modular setting.

The student may begin a modular course at any time throughout the year. The modular course will run the same number of weeks as a classroom course and cost the same amount per credit hour (\$50.00 per credit hour). However, rather than meeting weekly, the student will meet with the Mentor four times over the term. In the first meeting, the course design is laid out and assignments given. In the 2nd and 3rd meeting, the student's program is reviewed and his questions are answered. In the final meeting, the Course is consummated and a grade given. Students enter the Modular Program for a number of reasons:

1. To take a specific course that will not be offered in TTSSF classes in the forth-coming year.
2. To take a specially designed course that is not generally offered by TTSSF, but which is relevant to their needs. (For example - one may want a specifically designed course on "Revelation" which TTSSF is not currently offering).

3. To help resolve transportation problems. (The Modular Program will consist of only four meetings, rather than weekly classes).
4. To increase the speed at which a student may take TTSSF courses. A student may "double up," taking both TTSSF classes and modular courses at the same time. Students receive the benefit of independent, self-paced study, while still under the guidance of a qualified tutor.

Please feel free to call our office with any questions concerning the Modular Education Program. Or, if you desire an appointment to begin a modular "course," contact the Dean.

### **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Class attendance is essential because of the six week sessions. Students may be allowed one absence for three-credit courses without penalty. It is the student's reasonability to obtain and complete any missed assignments. Students going above these limits will automatically be dropped to an auditing status.

### **LATE ENROLLMENT**

No student shall be allowed to enroll in course, which has been in session for more than two class periods. For a one-credit course, enrollments will not be accepted after one class session.

Each instructor is responsible for adherence to standardized grading criteria, as we desire our grading to be unified and focused. Adequate assignments will be established for each course so that the instructor can make pointed evaluations in each of "several areas. Subject demonstration of skill development and comprehension will be carefully evaluated and weighed.

### **GRADING SYSTEM: Percentile and Performance**

Grade	Level of Performance	Grade Point Average	Grading Scale
A	Excellent	4	91 - 100
B	Good	3	81 - 90
C	Average	2	71 - 80
D	Poor	1	61 - 70
F	Unacceptable	0	Below 61

S -This grade is given primarily for credit through "Prior Learning" Assessment and Alternative Studies." It reflects hours being earned toward graduation but has no bearing on the student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

U -Unsatisfactory: This grade may be given on a Doctoral project. It indicates additional work must be done to receive a passing grade.

W -Withdrawn: This indicates that the student has officially withdrawn from TTSSF. A "W" is not calculated in the grade point average.

Pass/Fail: In some courses of a less academic nature a "pass/fail" grading system is used. Upon the satisfactory completion of all requirements listed by the instructor in the courses syllabus, the student shall receive a letter "P" for pass, and 2 grade points shall be awarded to his accumulative point average. Accordingly, if such requirements are not met, an "F" for fail is issued and no grade points shall be awarded.

## **STUDENT MINISTRY DEPARTMENT**

The Student Ministry Department, gives students the opportunity to showcase their ministerial skills through the continued mandatory participation in the Student Ministry Seminar. This is an outlet for positive peer support and feedback in the learning environment. Students will be exposed to the different types of ministries to further assist them in the identification of their gifts and experience growth. We feel a vital aspect of the learning situations is the achievement of a balance between knowledge and experience. Students are required to minister one hour per week during the two semesters.

As they move toward graduation, students enrolled in all minors/degree programs will be required to complete a "practicum" in their respective areas. A practicum is essentially a more structured, faculty-supervised "internship" period of ministry, designed to train the student in the skills he or she will need after graduation. Practicum courses will be graded, and proficiency on the part of the student is required. Off-campus students may make arrangements with TTSSF for approval of a local Mentor.

Students meet for devotion before each class from 6:45-7:00. Devotion is a time of worship and spiritual ministry as various speakers and instructors share out of their spirits. Devotion attendance is required.

## **PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION**

1. Evidence of Christian Maturity and Responsibility as outlined in the objectives in the various areas of study.
2. Twenty-one Credit Hours for a certificate; 60 Credit Hours for an Associates Degree; 120 Credit Hours for a Bachelors Degree; 54 Credit Hours beyond the Bachelors for the Masters' Degree; 99 Credit Hours beyond the Bachelors for the Doctorate.
3. All financial obligations must be paid in full.
4. A student must have a 2.0 or higher cumulative grade point average.

## **DIRECT INDIVIDUAL STUDIES (DIS) PROGRAMS**

**Trinity Theological Seminary South Florida** has designed degree program (correspondence) for those who, because of work or personal circumstances, need a method of study permitting flexibility. Our courses are planned for focused, off-campus, directed-learning experiences.

## **TTSSF CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL (DIS PROGRAM)**

The Correspondence School student simply takes courses by mail. Course material consists of all the tests, assignments, and textbooks used in the classroom. Completed assignments and tests are mailed in and graded by a TTSSF instructor.

The syllabus, test and assignments are included in the cost of the course, but all textbooks are extra. The cost of texts varies with each course. A graduating correspondence student may participate with our other students in our annual commencement exercises.

## **Student Rights**

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, or gender. We guarantee the rights, privileges, and the availability of all programs and activities to all students of the Seminary.

### **PRIVACY**

Statute 20, United States Code, §1232g and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, hereafter, referred to as the Code, requires that each student be notified of the rights accorded him or her by the Code. The following is provided as basic general information relative to the Code:

The Code provided for the institution to establish a category of student information termed "directory information." When available in college records, any information falling in the category of "directory information" will be available to all persons on request, i.e., the IRS, FBI, or other government agencies, and for use in TTSSF publications.

TTSSF has identified the following student data as "directory information":

1. Name
2. Street address, city, state, postal (Zip) code
3. Telephone listing
4. Race
5. Date & place of birth
6. Major field of study
7. Church membership
8. Denominational affiliation
9. Dates of attendance
10. Degrees & awards received
11. Most-recent previous educational institution attended.

All other information, such as health and medical records, disciplinary records, records of personal counseling, required student and family financial income records, transcripts or student permanent academic records, student placement records and other personally identifiable information shall be open for inspection only to the student and such members of the professional staff of the college as have responsibility for working with the student. Such information will not be released to second parties without consent of the student. Except as required for use by the President in the discharge of his official responsibilities as prescribed by laws, regulations of the state board, and board policies, the designated custodian of such records may release information from these records to others only upon authorization in writing from the student or upon a subpoena by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Note to student: when completing your application to this Seminary, you were required to indicate by your signature that you were notified of your rights as recorded by statute 20, United States Code, and Section 1232y. If you were not so notified, or if you did not complete and sign such an application, please notify your Campus Director.

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## MAJOR IN THEOLOGY - "CORE COURSES"

**Trinity Theological Seminary South Florida** offers a choice of nine majors: Ministry, Theology, Christian Counseling, Spiritual Addiction Counseling, Christian Education, Church Administration, Christian Music, Religion, and Christian Media Communications. All students, however, are required to take "core" Theology courses.

A major in Theology encompasses four areas of study: 1) Bible Competence, 2) Experiencing God, 3) Developing Your Spiritual Conscious, 4) Using Your Spiritual Gifts, and 5) Discernment and Declaring God. The Theology major may then complete the degree with electives. Selected coursework for the major in Theology is REQUIRED OF ALL STUDENTS regardless of their major or degree received. It provides a broad base of Bible knowledge and Christian maturity, which is essential in any Christian ministry. It consists of 15 required courses (45 credits) for the Degree student and 5 courses (15 credits) for the Certificate student. These are called CORE COURSES. (Other elective courses are *offered* in each of the four areas of study).

### AREA ONE: BIBLE COMPETENCE

*God has given man the Bible to study in order that we might know Him, and His ways; and man and his ways.*

#### **Objectives**

- A. The student will have a working knowledge of the whole Bible.
- B. The student will be able to do in-depth Bible Study under the illumination of the Holy Spirit.
- C. The student will have a working knowledge of the major themes and doctrines of the Bible.

### AREA TWO: EXPERIENCING GOD

"Be ye holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." (Lev.11:44; I Pet.1:15-16). "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Phil. 2: 12-13) Holiness is appropriating the grace of God whereby the Lordship of Christ is manifest in every area of our lives: spirit, soul, and body.

#### **Objective**

The student will move toward a greater degree of sanctification (purity) in his spirit, soul, and body. To "sanctify" means to "set apart unto." One must learn the process of setting himself apart unto God.

# **Mandatory Core Curriculum For**

## **ALL TTSSF Students**

**TTCC101 Communications 101** - A thorough review of English syntax and basic grammar with emphasis on the verb and sentence structure.

**TTCC102 Communications 102** - Essay and research writing structure with emphasis on the research paper format including footnotes and bibliography.

**TTRW103 Research Writing Principles** - Course on how to formulate a thesis statement, research principles, research publishing, and dissertation structure focusing on APA Format and Style.

**TTBM200 Business Math Concepts** - Focus on money management and budgeting, contractual agreements, understanding percentages and fractions, budget forecasting.

**TTBM201 Organizational Management Concepts** - Managerial and administrative development concepts, leadership development, program development, group management principles, time management, and office management.

### **Counseling Core Curriculum Courses**

**PCCB6000 Christian Counseling** - Concepts in Christian crisis management concepts, conflict management, social counseling and crisis solution implementation.

**PCPM6200 Christian Psychology** - An introduction in Psychology with a Christian Emphasis. This is a study of human behavior including heredity, effects of environment on the psyche and human emotions.

### **BIBLICAL STUDY STUDENT (ONLY)**

**TTCC300 Biblical Greek 300** – This course is offered Online and is Mandatory for ALL Biblical Study Student (Main Campus and All Satellite Locations) An Online application is available for this course offering at the TTSSF Website. Review of Biblical Greek with emphasis on the verb and sentence structure as it relates to the Bible.



# **Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Blanche Johnson Davis, Ph.D. - Founder and President**

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Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Florida A&M University

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Masters of Theology, Jacksonville Theological Seminary  
Bachelor of Science in Business Economics, Florida A&M University  
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**Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida**  
**Code of Ethics**

In **The Code of Ethics** I fully recognize that Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida was founded to be a 'Christ Centered" place of higher learning and is committed to being a Seminary focused on equipping the New Testament Believer. It challenges its students to live a lifestyle of commitment to Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord - as an integral part of its evangelistic outreach. It is therefore my personal commitment to be a person of integrity in my attitude and respect for Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida in its calling to be a Christian Seminary.

**I AGREE** to apply myself wholeheartedly to my academic studies and my mind for the glory of God.

**I AGREE** to grow in my spirit in developing my own relationship with God through prayer and the reading of the Word.

**I AGREE** to cultivate good relationships socially with others and to seek to love others as I love myself I will not lie, I will not steal, I will not curse and I will not be involved in gossip.

**I AGREE** to keep myself under subjection from all immoral and illegal acts and habits, whether on or off campus. [ will refrain from illegal drugs, illicit sexual acts, including homosexual behavior - I will not drink alcoholic beverages of any kind, I will not use tobacco, I will not engage in other behavior that is contrary to the tenants of -God's Moral Laws

**I AGREE** to maintain integrity of "openness" to God's claims on my life and to do my utmost to know and follow His will for my life.

**I AGREE** to respect the things of God; the vision, the Faculty and its leadership and my fellow classmates.

**I AGREE** to responsibly serve in the area of my choice with integrity and a humble heart of servant hood.

**I AGREE** to attend classes as required, Church services, workshops and to attend Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida or my previous local church.

**I AGREE** to fulfill ALL financial obligations that I enter into while enrolled at Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida.

**I AGREE** to abide by the rules and regulations which may from time to time be adopted by the Seminary Administration. I understand TTSSF is a private school and I therefore have no vested rights in the governing of the school. I accept my attendance at **Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida** as a **PRIVILEGE and NOT...** and the Seminary reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student upon the judgment of the Discipline Committee under the direction of the President. **I understand my signature below is my acceptance of the entire Code of Ethics and completes a contract between me and at Trinity Theological Seminary of South Florida which becomes a part of my permanent file**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_