

Emmanuel Academies' Faculty

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Program Cost

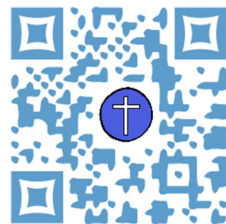
We believe finances should not be a barrier to students called to pastor. Thanks to generous grant funding, eligible 17-27 year old students are projected to pay no more than the amount of an average car payment while in the program and to graduate with little or no debt. Scholarship funds may also be available for other students. For MDiv-only students, the cost is less than 35% of the cost of traditional campus-based ELCA seminaries, with outcomes at equivalent or higher levels.

For More Information

For more information on our program and our collaborating institutions and to apply, please visit our website at:

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Emmanuel's 5-Year Pastoral Leadership Degree Program



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**An educational ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in
Naples, Florida that is raising up leaders through
innovative theological education.**

Program Summary and Projected Outcomes

Emmanuel Academies, Inc., with the encouragement of ELCA Churchwide Leadership and funding from the Kern Family Foundation and the Wardeberg Charitable Trust, has developed an innovative **5-Year Pastoral Leadership Degree Program** to identify, raise up and equip qualified, called youth to pursue a Bachelor of Arts, taught in English or Spanish, and a Master of Divinity over a five-year period. A Master of Divinity-only track is also available.

Our program is specifically designed to build leadership, service, and management skills, as well as set the foundation for life-long learning, ensuring that our graduates are well equipped to serve as senior pastors in active, diverse, and thriving congregations. Students remain in their communities and a local parish serves as a Learning Laboratory in our ATS-accredited model. While growing through engaging and relevant courses in their undergraduate studies, Lutheran learning and pastoral formation occur through hands-on ministry, learning from and with their assigned team of mentors and their host congregation.

Our scholars will become well versed in the concepts of vocational calling, as enunciated by Martin Luther, social and economic justice in our diverse communities, and best practices for leading and managing church operations. At the end of the program, our graduates will be prepared, trained and ready to serve as pastors, pending completion of any final steps needed for ordination in the ELCA.

Collaborating Institutions

Concordia University Chicago (CUC) offers an accelerated BA in Organizational Management.

Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBAU) offers a BA in Ministry, taught in English, and a BA in Global Leadership, taught in Spanish, through PBA@Emmanuel.

Sioux Falls Seminary (SFS) offers a B.A. in Ministry, Thought and Practice and our core ATS-accredited Master of Divinity degree program platform.

Luther House of Study Program (LHOS) is our MDiv curriculum partner.

Luther Seminary serves as the Seminary of Affiliation for our seminarians.

5-Year Program Schematic

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
ACTIVITY					
Contextual Engagement	[Shaded bar across all years]				
Undergraduate Work	[Shaded bar across years 1-4]				
Leadership Training	[Shaded bar across all years]				
B.A. Earned					[Vertical bar at end of Year 5]
Mentor Team Engaged		[Shaded bar across years 2-5]			
SFS Intensives			[Vertical bar]	[Vertical bar]	[Vertical bar]
M.Div. Earned					[Vertical bar at end of Year 5]

The 5-Year Pastoral Leadership Degree Program fully engages and grows students over 5 years, as shown above and explained below.

Contextual Engagement provides opportunities for students to apply and practice what they are learning within vibrant and committed parishes or other ministries with support from their mentor team and the congregation.

Undergraduate Online Work is taken through one of our accredited educational partners: Concordia University Chicago, Palm Beach Atlantic University, or Sioux Falls Seminary.

Leadership Training is coordinated through Emmanuel Academies to supplement the formal curriculums and to apply congregational leadership case studies.

Mentor Team Engagement is the key means of delivery of the **Sioux Falls Seminary (SFS)** program, utilizing the innovative, ATS approved *Kairos Platform*. A mentor team consisting of a Faculty Mentor, a Pastoral Mentor and a Personal Mentor works with the student to develop and deliver a contextual-based, outcome-focused learning experience with practical opportunities for theological and pastoral development.

Combined with six **SFS Intensives**, the mentors foster the mastery of the requisite skills, knowledge, and experience necessary for the scholar to earn their Master of Divinity. Outcomes are equivalent to or higher than the traditional seminary model because of Seminarians' immersion in parish life early in the program and the ability to customize the curriculum and learning models based on the optimal learning styles of the Seminarians.

Through years 2 to 5, the seminarian will work with their Candidacy Committee and Seminary of Affiliation (including CPE and internship) as they prepare for Ordination and First Call.