



# **SEMINARS & CERTIFICATE CATALOG 2022-2023**

**Lincoln Christian Institute**

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## Introduction

The Lincoln Christian Institute provides opportunity for non-credit, college-level theological education and ministry preparation in the local church. The following are a list of the **seminars** available through the Institute, as well as **certificates**, signifying the completion of a predetermined set of seminars with additional reading and simple learning assignments.

**Seminars** are stand-alone studies, typically lasting 4-6 hours. They are typically surveys of a topic with no outside requirements beyond participating in the seminar itself. **Certificates** are typically more in depth than a seminar, requiring 15-17 hours of study, additional preparatory reading of a textbook, and simple homework assignments.

Congregations, Church camps, or Christian organizations interested in hosting a seminar should contact the Dean of the Lincoln Christian Institute to schedule the course, select the subject matter, and request an instructor. Lincoln Christian Institute may likewise offer seminars at select “host” sites or through online webinars. Participants interested in taking seminar can connect with the Dean of the Institute:

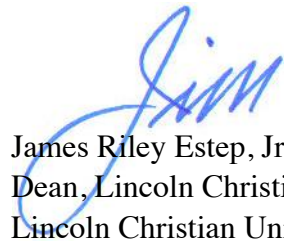
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We are looking forward to studying with you soon!

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## List of Seminars



The following is a list of seminars. Seminars are typically one-day teaching or training events. They can be scheduled by contacting the Lincoln Christian Institute office by phone (217-732-7788 x. 2265) or by email -- [institute@lincolnchristian.edu](mailto:institute@lincolnchristian.edu).

### Lincoln Christian Institute Seminars

<b>General Bible</b>	<b>Apologetics</b>
How We Got the Bible Understanding the Bible The Bible & Archaeology	Apologetics & Truth Why believe the Bible? The Existence of God Claims of Jesus Resurrection of Jesus Neighboring Faiths & Cults
<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Theology</b>
Patriarchs United Monarchy History of Israel 1 History of Israel 2 Wisdom Literature/Poetry Psalms Major Prophets Minor Prophets	God of the Bible Christology (Who is Jesus?) Ecclesiology (What is the Church?) Soteriology (What is Salvation?) Word of God Restoration Movement
<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Disciple-Making</b>
Life of Jesus Teachings of Jesus Life & Message of Paul (LAMP) Survey of Paul's Letters Galatians 1 Corinthians Philippians Survey of General Epistles Revelation	Evangelism Teaching for Christian Growth Leading Small Groups Christian Mentoring Christian Formation Disciple-Making and the Church

<b>Christian Education</b>	<b>Leadership</b> ( <i>with e2</i> )
Why Teach the Bible? Bible Study Skills Understanding Who you Teach Lesson Planning Teaching Methods	Leadership that is Christian Church Structures Elders', Deacons', and Ministers' Roles Mission, Vision, and Values Strategic Planning & Change Leadership Development Team Building Leading Change Managing Conflict Philippians for Leaders
<b>Specialized Ministry</b>	<b>Special Request</b>
Special Needs Ministry Women's Ministries Women's Christian Growth	If a congregation or Christian organization has a special set of needs or interests not specifically addressed by a current LCI seminar, the Institute is able to produce custom seminars upon request. Please contact Dr. James Estep to start the process.

### **Seminar Formats . . .**

Seminars may be offered in a variety of ways at the request of the host congregation. The following are a list of such possible formats:

- Saturday, All Day
 Teach on Saturday morning, break for lunch, return for the early afternoon, completing the seminar in one day.
- Saturday Morning
 Teach on Saturday morning, starting with a light breakfast and concluding with a slightly late lunch with Q/A.
- Friday-Saturday
 The seminar's first session could be a few hours on Friday night, but then conclude on Saturday morning before noon.
- Sunday Afternoon
 Some seminars could be scheduled after morning worship services and run through the afternoon until Sunday evening programs begin. The instructor can possibly fill the pulpit that morning if the church is interested.
- Weekly
 Sunday morning, evening, or a designated time during the week; perhaps teaching for 1-2 hours each time.

## Lincoln Christian Institute Certificate Programs

LCI offers certificate programs consisting of 15-17 hours of learning in a specific area of study. In addition to the seminar's seat time, participants will be expected to read an assigned textbook on the subject and complete simple preparatory assignments. Upon completion of the certificate program's requirements, participants will receive an LCI Certificate.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Old Testament Studies</li> <li>● New Testament Studies</li> <li>● Church History/Restoration Movement</li> <li>● Elders in the Congregation</li> <li>● Christian Leadership</li> <li>● Evangelism</li> <li>● Disciple-Making</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bible Teaching (Small Groups and Classes)</li> <li>● Basic Theology 1 (Trinity)</li> <li>● Basic Theology 2 (Revelation, Salvation, &amp; Church)</li> <li>● Basic Preaching</li> <li>● Healthy Church Dynamics</li> <li>● Philippians for Leaders</li> </ul>
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**Customizable Certificate:** A series of integrated seminars (totaling 15-17 hours of study) can be formed to serve the needs and/or interests of a congregation or Christian organization. For example, Deacon training composed of three seminars that is agreed upon between the congregation and the Dean of the Institute.



Each certificate program has a 1-2 page *syllabus* that provides a simple statement of purpose, outline of the course materials, required readings, and explanation of the homework. Students will typically receive a workbook for use during the program to aid in note taking and providing graphics and illustrations. The purchase of the textbook for a certificate program can be arranged with the Institute's office, e.g. church purchases, student purchases, or Institute purchases and is reimbursed.

Students will receive a certificate from the Lincoln Christian Institute affirming their successful completion of the course of study.

### Certificate Formats . . .

Certificates require a significantly longer duration than seminars. Certificates may be offered in a variety of ways at the request of the host congregation. The following are a list of such possible formats:

- **Saturday, All Day** Teach on multiple Saturday mornings, break for lunch, return for the early afternoon, completing the certificate in two or three sessions.

- Saturday Morning Teach on Saturday morning, starting with a light breakfast and concluding with a slightly late lunch with Q/A. This would take as many as 5-6 weeks to complete a certificate.
- Friday-Saturday The certificate could start Friday night for a few hours, but then continue Saturday morning before noon. The certificate could be earned within 3-4 weeks.
- Sunday Afternoon Some seminars could be scheduled after morning worship services and run through the afternoon until Sunday evening programs begin. The instructor could even fill the pulpit the first day and/or last day of the seminar if interested. This approach would take as many as 5-6 weeks to complete.
- Weekly Sunday morning, evening, or a designated time during the week; perhaps teaching for 1-2 hours each time. A certificate could be completed within 7-8 sessions.
- Intensive Certificates could be offered over the duration of a week, each evening having 2-3 hours of instruction. Likewise, the certificate could be offered Friday evening, all day Saturday, and then Sunday afternoon.



### **What are the costs? Financial commitment?**

Seminars and certificates are delivered at a very inexpensive rate. *Typically*, there is no cost other than transportation and housing. The instructor is either compensated as a full-time employee or on occasion paid a stipend by the University; you simply provide the funds for travel and housing. It is our gift from LCU to You! We would ask that you consider either giving a gift to LCU or, even better, include LCU in your regular missions giving. Churches or camps may charge a fee for the seminar or certificate to offset their own expenses, but no stipend is expected for LCU.