### Eastern Carolina Christian College & Seminary

### Programs of Study

## **Associate of Arts in Theology**

Upon completion of the Associate of Arts degree in Theology, the graduate should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and competence in Old Testament and New Testament. Demonstrate skills in critical thinking;
2. Identify and understand basic biblical doctrines and history;
3. Be able to communicate biblical truth.
4. Demonstrate basic communication skills and readiness for upper division courses;
5. Demonstrate involvement in local ministries, spiritual disciplines, and devotional practices; and
6. Demonstrate the importance of the Biblical worldview in general studies. Associate of Arts (A.A.)

The Associate of Arts degree is awarded to students who have completed a minimum of sixty credit hours of study or its equivalent in the area of bible study. This degree usually marks the halfway point to the baccalaureate degree from a university or college.

### Bachelor/Undergraduate

Our undergraduate ministry program offers 1 or 2 classes per 8-week period with (1 or 2) 8-week periods in a semester. Classes are held online or Saturday’s at main campus and a total of 2 or 4 classes in a semester.

## **Bachelor of Arts in Theology**

ECCC&S a non-traditional commuter institution integrates faith and learning through a modality conducive to the adult learner. ECCC&S courses are **3-credit hours**which equate to **45 contact hours** either through face-to-face contact or outside classroom activities.

Undergraduate learners meet on Saturday at main campus or online from 8 am to 2 pm. Master learners meet Saturday or online.

Each program must include four elements:

* A major of not less than 33 semester hours in Biblical Studies.
* A basic core in the arts and sciences of not less than 36 hours, which must include fine arts, mathematics, and the social sciences.
* Nine hours in Ministry courses.
* Twenty-two hours in a selected minor.

This includes that the graduating student shall:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and competence in Old Testament and New Testament.
2. Be able to communicate biblical truth.
3. Have knowledge of different types of leadership styles and how to move between them in situations.
4. Be familiar with basic counseling concepts, methods and practices.
5. Be a competent user of the computer as a tool to church work.
6. Have knowledge of the social impact in the religious world and the impact of religion in the secular world.
7. Be able to establish a religious deity within a setting outside of the religious world.

**Graduate**

Eastern Carolina Christian College & Seminary offers two graduate level degrees. One in Religious Education (MRE) and the second is a Master of Divinity (MDiv.). Students that participate in this program will be on an accelerated pace completing one class at a time seven weeks.

**Master of Divinity (MDiv) Program**

This 54-57 hour program of study is designed to equip persons for competent leadership in Christian Ministry to serve congregational ministries and other religious institutions. This program focuses on leadership in the practice of ministry, particularly in the African American Church.

Students enrolled in the Master of Divinity Program focus on four specific aspects of the practice of ministry:

* **Christian Heritage:** Student will develop an understanding of the scriptural, historical, and theological traditions of particular Christian traditions and of the broader community of faith.
* **Cultural Awareness:** Students will develop a consciousness about and a capacity to reflect critically on issues of diversity, globalization, and cross cultural concerns.
* **Ministerial Identify:** Students will reflection on how their unique personalities, backgrounds, gifts and abilities relate to the minister as leader, guide, and servant of the faith community.
* **Leadership:** Students will develop skills in creating programs and demonstrating ministerial and public leadership.

**Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Program**

**See information on ECCC&S website at:** [**www.ecccsedu.com**](http://www.ecccsedu.com) **or**

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