

## NON-DEGREE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

### The Certificate in Graduate Theological Studies (CGTS)

#### Purpose

Phillips Theological Seminary now offers a variety of thematic options in its Certificate in Graduate Theological Studies (CGTS) Program. The 18 semester-hour program is primarily designed for persons: (a) who do not anticipate completing a seminary degree program but want to enhance their understanding of Christian faith and practice through a limited and focused course of graduate study; or (b) who wish to explore the possibility of graduate degree work by beginning with a certificate studies option of special interest, knowing that all PTS courses taken for credit may be subsequently applied to a PTS degree program. In addition, persons who already hold a master's level degree in religious studies or theology but wish to engage in a focused program of continuing education may petition for advanced standing and appropriate course substitutions.

#### Admission and Program Requirements

All applicants should possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, although in exceptional circumstances a person may be admitted on probation with other credentials. Admission standards are the same as for the Master of Arts in Ministry and Culture degree program. CGTS students are eligible to enroll in all master's level courses at Phillips Theological Seminary, subject to normal limits and course prerequisites. Students should consult with their advisers about course selection. No transfer credits from other institutions are accepted for the certificate program. The 18 semester-hour program must be completed with a cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or higher. All course credits successfully completed as a part of the program may subsequently be applied to a degree program at Phillips Theological Seminary, should the student be formally admitted. All requirements for the Certificate in Graduate Theological Studies must be completed within six years.

#### Online CGTS Coursework

The CGTS program may be completed entirely online, if the General Theological Studies option is selected. Online course projections are available well in advance. Courses which are offered on our Tulsa campus may be completed in multiple formats—week-long concentrated courses, weekend courses, weekly seminars, or arranged courses—scheduled in the January term, the fall and spring semesters, or in the summer. The seminary may privilege enrollments in some online courses of students who must travel more than 150 miles one-way to campus.

#### Thematic Curricular Option

##### I. General Theological Studies: 18 semester-hours

###### A. Introduction to Theological Studies (9 semester-hours)

Three courses selected from the following:

- HB 500 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (3 hrs) or
- NT 500 Introduction to the New Testament (3 hrs);
- HS 502 History of Christianity I (3 hrs) or
- HS 504 History of Christianity II (3 hrs);
- TE 500 Introduction to Christian Theology (3 hrs)

###### B. Elective Coursework (9 semester-hours)

Three courses selected in consultation with adviser.