

PSDE is an undergraduate-level course of study for pastors and lay leaders, designed so they can remain in their ministries while studying.

Participants say ...

“Through PSDE, I have discovered things about myself that I never imagined were inside of me. I began the program seeking to find who God was calling me to be and have discovered a pastor ready to serve. The program is providing learning experiences to equip me for pastoral ministry and opportunities for me to use my gifts more fully.”

Bruce Chartrand, pastor-in-training,
First Mennonite Church, Lowville, New York

“Each lesson provided biblical studies and immediate ministry application. Interaction with my mentor and the instructor was helpful and thought-provoking. The ability to set my own pace gave me the flexibility I needed. I know that the PSDE program gave me the opportunity to be obedient to God’s call on my life during my homemaker years and in the beginning steps towards camp ministry.”

Deb Horst, director,
Camp Luz, Orrville, Ohio

“God is using the PSDE program to grow me further in ministry by challenging me to identify my areas of strength as well as weakness. PSDE has helped me identify the importance of the church community in my life. In working through the first unit, I have remembered the many ways in which God has worked to draw me closer to himself, and this has ignited a deeper desire to lead others to remember their faith journeys as well.”

Kim Litwiller, current student from Hopedale, Ill.

Want to know more?

Visit the AMBS web site for more information about PSDE. You can find a sample lesson for each of the five units by selecting the name of the unit as you scroll down the PSDE web page.

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Or a lay leader who wants more training for ministry?

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The PSDE program:

- focuses on issues vital to ministry in a Mennonite congregation;
- provides distance instruction along with interaction with a local mentor;
- may earn the student 15 undergraduate credit hours.

PSDE is for leaders who are:

- pastors called to the ministry without college or seminary training;
- lay leaders, deacons and elders wanting training to prepare for their ministry.

Program design

PSDE is a program of individual, college-level study, involving instructors and mentors. When a student enrolls, he or she finds a mentor, who often is the pastor in the congregation. This mentor is an advocate for the student, helping to find ways in which the student can test new ministry skills and perspectives. In addition, each unit of study has an instructor who interacts with the student several times during work on that unit. The program is most effective when the student is involved in a congregation and has the support of that congregation, allowing time needed to complete the study as well as opportunities to explore ministry.

Program details

Students may enroll any time, September through May. The student and the instructor for the unit being studied will work together to set up a schedule for assignments. Each unit takes approximately 12 weeks to complete. Completion of the entire course (five units) earns the student 15 undergraduate credit hours (three per unit). Fees are \$600 per unit (Canadian or US dollars).

Program content

The PSDE course includes five units, listed below with instructors.

Unit 1

Church and Ministry

Mike Zehr and Lois Shenk Zehr, Goshen, Ind.

Unit 2

The Biblical Story: Old and New Testament

Dan Hertzler, Scottdale, Pa.

Unit 3

Anabaptist History and Theology

Maurice Martin, New Hamburg, Ont.

Unit 4

Salt and Light: Preaching, Worship, Evangelism

Renee Sauder, Waterloo, Ont.

Unit 5

Tending God's Flock: Pastoral Care and Counseling, Administration

José Ortiz, Goshen, In.

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