

A Brief Overview of Seminary Extension

Mission:

The mission of Seminary Extension is to provide theological education and ministry training of excellent quality to church leaders and members where they live.

Admission:

It is not just for pastors or church staff. Anyone, male or female, who is at least 16 years old, can take classes. However, to earn transferable credit, a student must have earned a high school diploma or GED prior to enrolling in the class. The student must have an official high school transcript or GED paperwork on file with Seminary Extension before declaring for a particular program of study (this is something you can do after you have taken a few classes).

Programs of Study:

Individual – students are not required to enter a program of study in order to take courses and may take only courses that interest them in an a-la-carte manner for personal growth.

Certificate – takes less time to complete than the diploma program (8 courses). Areas of study: Bivocational Ministry, Lay Ministry, and Women's Ministry. The average cost to obtain this diploma is \$2000.00.

Diploma – takes twice as long as the certificate program (16 courses). Areas of study: Biblical Studies, Educational Ministries, and Pastoral Education. The average cost to obtain this diploma is \$3500.00.

Each course requires textbooks. Seminary Extension has textbooks available for purchase, but students are free to purchase their textbooks from other sources, however, books purchased through Seminary Extension help keep the course costs down. Required textbooks are listed in the course description.

Seminary Extension is not designed to replace a seminary education. It is designed for those who cannot attend a seminary. The courses are

biblical and they reflect the values and theology of the Southern Baptist Convention as stated in the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

See the catalog for more details -

<http://www.seminaryextension.org/Catalog.pdf>

Who Teaches the Classes?

Dr. David B Roberts is the main teacher. Hopefully, more teachers will be added to create more flexibility and variety in the courses offered and when and where they meet.

If you have at least a Master's degree or a Bachelor's degree with at least 6 years of ministry experience, you could possibly be a teacher for our Extension Center. Let us know if you're interested – email bayareabaptistassn@gmail.com.

Where will the classes meet?

The BABA office in Midland has served as the Seminary Extension Center for all the classes that have been held so far. We are ready to expand to a hybrid classroom model via Zoom in addition to in-person instruction.

When/How often will the class be held?

Generally, we meet a couple of times a month to go over the work and reading we did. Take-home tests are given on the honor system that you won't cheat. The final exam is taken in-person. If you're not close to Midland, arrangements can be made to have it proctored to you near where you are. Seminary Extension is very flexible.

When do I pay?

As soon as you sign up, mail a check with the appropriate fee (see above) to the Bay Area Baptist Association, 2138 N Jefferson Rd, Midland, MI 48642 or pay at www.paypal.me/baybaptist. When we receive your payment, we will enroll you in the course and will order your materials. See the registration form for more details. If you are a distance learner (won't be attending in-person) give the mailing address where your books should be shipped.