



Pursuing MC credentials? Successfully complete 16 prescribed PLI courses. Cherry-picking? Choose just the courses you want without enrolling in PLI's entire program of study. All courses include ten weekly two-hour, online chats besides required reading, assigned writing, and other projects. Contact PLIadmin@mcusa.org for details.

Prerequisite

PL010: Study Prep eProf Joe Himes

Tuition: \$200
Tuesdays, 8:00pm EDT

Want to make the most of your Bible study time? This course, required for full-fledged PLI students, would be great for anyone who wants to tap into the fantastic library of electronic study resources available in Logos Bible software. Besides learning to use the Logos software required in many Level One courses, students take away study, reading, and organizational skills applicable in many ministry areas. The 50% student discount off any Logos purchase (visit <http://www.logos.com/demo> for a peek at options) is worth the tuition for this course.

PL510: Writing Skills Development eProf Linda Oelze

Tuition: \$200
Mondays, 8:00pm EDT

Unless you're a hermit, you communicate. In this class students develop written communication skills by learning to produce effective letters, articles, devotionals, reports, and other types of writing used in ministry. With the 20/20 vision of hindsight, one PLI grad confided, "Because I was an English major in college, I would have chosen to skip the writing class if given that option; but that would have been a big mistake. What I learned in this class really prepared me for future PLI classes."

Level One

PL121: Old Testament Survey eProf Allen Tyndall

Tuition: \$400
Mondays, 8:00pm EDT

How is the Bible like an onion? To find out, join us in studying the literature, historical background, geography and significance of the books of the Old Testament. When you learn to bridge the gap from original meaning to the contemporary significance of God's revelation of Himself, you'll discover that the Bible is not primarily about history, but about God. In lively class discussion, pat answers are challenged as students and eProf learn to live out Proverbs 27:17.

PL251: Homiletics (preaching!) eProf John Oelze

Tuition: \$400
Thursdays, 8:00pm EDT

Skeptical about the possibility that an online course can actually teach students to preach? With the wonders of technology (can you say "YouTube"?), students can even view and critique each others' sermons. More than one eProf claim this is their favorite class to teach, and students admit this class challenged them to think outside the box to communicate biblical truth. Besides the fundamentals, students explore the practical aspects of preparing and delivering an expositional sermon; integrating unforgettable storytelling into the sermon; collecting, filing, and using illustrations effectively; and developing cultural sensitivity to today's postmodern world.

PL271: Fundamentals of Christian Leadership eProf Stan Buck

Tuition: \$400
Tuesdays, 9:00pm EDT

This course explores the principles of Christian leadership that create the underpinnings of every successful local church. Students examine leadership principles from a Biblical basis and learn to apply those principles to specific local church situations so that they become adept at exercising active leadership. One student said of this course, "The textbook knowledge came alive by applying it to ministry. After every chat session, I was so pumped I wanted to go out (at 11:00pm) and change the world right on the spot!"

Level Two

PL471: Church Health & Redevelopment

eProf Jeff Kephart

Tuition: \$400
Mondays, 8:00pm EDT

Healthy congregations grow out of following key biblical strategies. Healthy disciples develop as the church environment is structured for life transformation. By following a healthy process of change, both can happen effectively. One student said, “The final paper and project was a lot of work, but it doesn’t end with a grade. I’m already using in my current ministry what I learned in this class.”

PL611: Organic Discipleship Movements 1 (Keystone Training)

eProf Don Snell

Tuition: \$400
Tuesdays, 8:00pm EDT

The MC Ministry Leadership Council recently defined disciple-making as “personal, intentional involvement, guided by the Holy Spirit, in helping people move from pre-Christian to a reproducing mature believer.” This course is tailor-made for those who are ready to launch disciple-making movements—to make disciples who make disciples—principles that can be reproduced in any setting, any culture on earth. A student reported, “Before the quarter ended I was already using what I’d learned for Kingdom growth. The disciple-making principles we explored were more than just academic exercises.”

xPLI

Not part of our certificate program, xPLI courses promote spiritual growth and equipping of pastors and lay people.

xPL911: Creative Communication

eProf Dominic Francese

Tuition: \$200
Mondays, 7:30pm EDT

A parable is a simple earthly story with heavenly meaning. What if Jesus taught using parables, not just to give us the parables themselves, but also to show us the best way to communicate God’s truth? Even today people learn best—and remember the lessons taught—when truth is encapsulated in a story. So why aren’t more Christians learning to tell stories? Students in this course will analyze Jesus’ parables, learn to create their own original stories, and take away a plethora of ideas ready to be adapted for use in teaching, preaching, drama, writing, or casual conversation ... word pictures that listeners of all ages can understand, remember, and apply. For a taste of the eProf’s storytelling creativity, check out a few of his short online video clips at <http://www.rocctv.com/>.

xPL921: Wounded Heart

eProf Linda Oelze

Tuition: \$300
Wednesdays, 8:30pm EDT

You may think you don’t know anyone who has been sexually abused, especially if your friends are Christians; but statistics show otherwise. Sexual abuse knows no religious or social boundaries. Designed for women who have experienced childhood sexual abuse, participants can find hope and healing in this study based on the book *The Wounded Heart*, an intensely personal look at this “soul deadening” offense. One past student says, “*I thought I had already worked through the abuse from my past, but I took the course to discover ways to help others. In the process God showed me He wasn’t finished with me yet. The process was not easy, but going through it with my husband and classmates in the same boat gave me a safe place for growth and healing that God used in a mighty way.*”

xPL922: Walking with the Wounded Heart

eProf John Oelze

Tuition: \$300
Tuesdays, 8:00pm

This companion class (also based on the book *The Wounded Heart*), for husbands of women who experienced childhood sexual abuse, provides direction and hope for men who commit to walking with their wives through this lifelong journey. One past participant writes, “*This class helped me understand areas in our marriage that I didn’t realize had been affected by my wife’s past abuse. The support I received from classmates and the eProf during this course helped me make it through some of the most rocky times of discovery.*” And another one says, “*What a huge impact this course made on our marriage! Though wounds had scabbed over and lay almost hidden, Wounded Heart made us face the reality of the wounds from childhood abuse and begin the lifelong process of forgiveness and healing. The steps are challenging and often unpleasant (be prepared for God to disrupt your routine), but how rewarding to allow the Holy Spirit to bring restoration.*”