

The Prairie Bachelor of Arts Advantage

These Bachelor of Arts programs are designed for you if you want to develop leadership skills for vocational ministry in the church, as a chaplain or in an intercultural setting. By taking your program through Distance Education you can prepare for a second career or take formal education while already in pastoral ministry. These Bachelor of Arts programs also prepare you for master's level education.

Bachelor of Arts Programs Objectives

Prairie's Bachelor of Arts programs will equip you to:

- Value, study, understand, and interpret Scripture for personal growth as well as ministry effectiveness
- Grow in spiritual vitality and Christian maturity within the pressure and demands of life and ministry
- Appreciate and understand the Body of Christ and prepare to assume your responsibility in the Church as expressed in the local congregation
- Prepare for a God honoring life of service to kingdom work regardless of your vocational calling
- Discover and develop your God given servant design (e.g. spiritual gifts, ministry passion) and ministry skills to maximize your effectiveness for Christian service
- Participate in God's global mission of disseminating the Gospel
- Invest in a relational community of intentional discipleship and accountability to build God's people
- Develop a God centered dependence, faith, and humility necessary for Christian life and ministry
- Serve with foundational skills in a vocational ministry through training provided in the major programs

Bachelor of Arts Programs Outcomes

- Develop breadth and depth of a Bible and theological foundation (42 credit hours minimum) for personal growth, preaching and teaching ministry and/or seminary preparation. The pastoral and youth programs include the option to study Biblical Greek
- Cultivate educational breadth through the 36 credit hours of Arts and Science courses
- Grow foundational understanding in and practice of pastoral competencies such as counseling, preaching, visitation, administration and church development
- Expand your understanding of and commitment to the nature, structure and purposes of the church as expressed in the local congregation
- Involvement in practical experiences to develop ministry competencies by choosing the optional 18-credit internship model. These experiences also enhance the course work in assisting you to reflect theologically about ministry issues
- Nurture spiritual maturity as well as skills for continued spiritual formation within the demands of life and ministry

Expanded Opportunities

Your Bachelor of Arts degree will open doors to skilled service as a church worker, church planter, church educational program leader, worship leader, pastor, youth worker, camp leader or numerous other roles with a church or para-ministry setting. Your degree lays the foundation for graduate studies in ministry, theology, missiology or divinity.

Mentor Based Programs

All PDE Bachelor of Arts programs are mentor-based with additional requirements to provide you with some of the advantages enjoyed by campus students. Call Prairie Bible College Admissions at 1.800.661.2425 for a copy of the “Benefits and Requirements” that details the various program advantages and what you need to do to complete the program.