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THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (CDIV, CTS, CET, CCS)

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II. Abbreviations

BA	Bachelor of Arts
BDiv	Bachelor of Divinity
BTh	Bachelor of Theology
CET	Certificate of Evangelical Theology
CDiv	Certificate of Divinity
CCS	Certificate of Christian Studies
ECTS	ECTS European Credit Transfer System (one credit). The standard Credit system of the EU (European Union) one ECTS is equivalent to 1.43 study points in Holland, or 28 study hours. 60 ECTS is full-time study annually.
MA	Master of Arts or Master
MTh	Master of Theology
MDiv	Master of Divinity
TBA	To be Announced
TBE	Tyndale By Extension – a delivery vehicle for TTS courses offered in the evenings and/or weekends; formerly called “Night School.”
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy

III. The Purpose, Objectives, and Design of the Certificate Programs

The evangelical populace is the main market for biblical and theological education, especially in Europe, where the traditional church is in decline, while evangelical churches are growing. Little evangelical theological study on the Masters level is available on the European Continent, especially in English, the main language of the most important evangelical publications and the universal international language of business and scholarship.

In Western Europe there is, therefore, a need for more evangelical, practical and professional training for ministry. A growing sentiment in Europe is the desire for a populace that is as educated as possible. Better informed people make better and more informed decisions and choices. Regardless of employment opportunities, everyone should be able to think as broadly and deeply as possible about life, especially in the realm of religion. In Eastern Europe there is the need for advanced training (post-BA) of Church leaders and Bible teachers in ways still mainly available in the West. Many from Africa and Asia desire this type of training too.

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Sufficient schools already exist, even in English, for evangelicals who want purely academic or research training in Bible and theology. Very little is available on the Master level for practical and professional ministry training.

The purpose of the Certificates at TTS is to provide 1 year of training to those who desire formal study in Bible and Theology.

IV. Admission Requirements for the Certificate Programs

BA degree or equivalent (180-240 ECTS; 3-4 academic years) from an approved institution (professional or academic). Others lacking a BA degree but with acceptable life and ministry experience and some college-level education may be accepted to a one-year Certificate program on a special student status. Students without a BA may be admitted with the understanding that this will be a terminal program.

Certificate Theological Studies (CTS)

This certificate is designed for those who are seeking a single year of theological preparation for ministry other than pastoral/pulpit ministries. This might include such things as short-term missions, mission assignments which are primarily “helps” or “technology,” or for preparation for lay elder/ lay reader in a denomination.

Certificate of Divinity (CDiv)

This Tyndale Theological Seminary certificate is awarded to those who complete the first year of the Master of Divinity as a terminal degree.

Certificate in Evangelical Theology (CET)

This Tyndale Theological Seminary certificate is awarded to those who complete the first year of the Master of Evangelical Theology degree as a terminal degree. It might also prove to be of great usefulness for those wanting to specialize in biblical languages.

Certificate in Christian Studies (CCS)

This certificate is offered in conjunction with the Tyndale By Extension (TBE) program. It is available to anyone who has complete secondary education. This certificate is awarded upon the completion of 18 ECTS.

Additional requirements:

The applicant, wishing to train for ministry, should be one who is committed to the Christian faith and to the Bible (Protestant canon) as the sole authority for faith and practice.

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A TOEFL score is required if one is from a country where English is not the primary language. A score of at least 550 (or 213 for the computer version) is necessary. All instruction is in English. All required reading is in English, but other languages may be used in which the student is competent.

Evidence of ministry experience or goal of a ministry career, and, if a foreign student, a pledge to return to one's own country for ministry or to another country as a missionary or minister.

V. Curriculum for the Certificate Programs

A. Certificate of Theological Studies (CTS)

A total of 59 ECTS must be completed as follows.

FALL	(ECTS /Course)
OT Survey	5
Early Church History	3
Bibliology	3
Either:	3
Christian Ethics or	
Intro to Missions	
Spiritual Formation	4
Cross-Cultural Christianity	3
Survey of Doctrine	3

Any 3 of the Below 7 Courses:

WINTER	
Introduction to Evangelism	3
Pastoral Ministry	3
Urban Evangelism	3
Post-Modern Evangelism	3
Practice of Pastoral Counseling	3
Marriage & Family	3
Ecclesiology	3
Soteriology	3

SPRING	
Christian Apologetics	3
NT Survey	3
NT Backgrounds	2
Foundations for Theology	3
Spiritual Leadership Development	3
Spiritual Formation	4
Modern Church History	3
Pneumatology	3
Bible Study Methods	2

The above may also be taken in a sequence of January to December attendance.

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B. Certificate of Divinity = The 1st Year of the MDiv

YEAR ONE	TOTAL ECTS = 63
SUMMER	(ECTS /Course)
Elementary Greek	8
FALL	
Intermediate Greek	3
OT Survey	5
Early Church History	3
Survey of Doctrine	3
Bibliology	3
Cross Cultural Christianity	3
Spiritual Formation	4
WINTER	
Marriage & Family	3
Introduction to Evangelism	3
Practice of Pastoral Counseling	3
SPRING	
NT Survey	2
NT Backgrounds	3
Greek Exegesis: Luke & Acts	5
Foundations for Theology	3
Modern Church History	3
Bible Study Methods	2
Spiritual Formation	4

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C. Certificate in Evangelical Theology (CET) = The 1st Year of the MET

A total of 56 ECTS must be completed as follows.

YEAR ONE	Total ECTS
	= 56
SUMMER	ECTS/Course
Elementary Greek	8 (Prerequisite)
FALL	
Intermediate Greek	3
Elementary Hebrew	8
Research Methods	3
Bibliology	3
Cross Cultural Christianity	3
Spiritual Formation	4
WINTER	
Ecclesiology	3
Post-Modern Evangelism	3
Thesis Prospectus	2
SPRING	
Intermed. Hebrew & Exegesis	8
Spiritual Leadership Development	3
Greek Exegesis: Luke & Acts	5
Thesis Prospectus	1
Foundations for Theology	3
Spiritual Formation	4

D. Certificate in Christian Studies (CCS)

A total of 18 courses must be completed (“completion” means all required work, i.e., not audited) under the auspices of TBE.

VI. CHANGE HISTORY

DCN #	Revision	Purpose
	0	New procedure
DCN-38	1	New Requirements
DCN-44	2	New Requirements
DCN-50	3	New Program
DCN-68	4	New Introduction
DCN-103	5	Adjust Courses