



Fully Online Synchronous Class

Spring — 2024 Course Offering

Storying

Storying has a reputation for being for children only. In this course we will show how deeply ingrained it is in Deaf Culture in people of all ages. We will discuss how to take this important tool and implement it in a way that not only enhances access to the Scriptures but increases retention and spiritual transformation. You will learn how to use storying in devotional time, Bible Studies and Sermons.

INSTRUCTOR: B. CAMERON BARKER

Textbook:

Pre-registration Deadline: January 5, 2024

Special Note: If we do not have a minimum registration number of 3 by January 5, 2024 – the class will be cancelled.

Please register before that date.

If you have a serious need for an extension, you may contact Lynn Brooks for a possible extension. (g-lbrooks@msn.com)



Online Course Offering — Spring 2024 Season
Bob Barker, Instructor

Please PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

VP: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Check only one:

1. **Storying**

Every Student is working toward a Deaf Ministry Certificate. Check below if you also want college credit for this class:

I want college credit for this class

***** SEE PART 2 of REGISTRATION ON NEXT PAGE *****

Payment:

Check all that apply

\$225.00 for this class

____\$50.00 for this class if you want college credit

____\$ 25.00 late fee if you register **after Jan.5, 2024**

Scholarships are awarded only on a case-by-case basis. Contact Alton Brant if you feel you may qualify and you wish to apply.

Total your cost:

_____ \$225.00 tuition

_____ \$50.00 tuition for credit

_____ \$25.00 late fee if you register **after Jan.5, 2024**

_____ Write the total you owe here

Make your check payable to: TriState Deaf School of Theology

Mail your check and page 2 and 3 of the registration form to:

TriState
PO Box 2643
Candler, NC 28715

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: B. Cameron Barker
VP: Text first, then I will VP.
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Email: BBarker@DeafPathway.com

Class Schedule

- We will meet every Tuesday Evenings on zoom beginning January 9 and finishing April 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:10 p.m.

We will satisfy the 48-hour Class Contact Hours requirement, the EQUIVALENT of 6 classes meeting for 8 hours each.

We will split class lectures into pre-recorded videos and Zoom lectures/discussions. Pre-recorded lectures will be a part of the learning experience, and you will need to make time during the week to watch them. Each one will be no longer than 20-30 minutes, and will contain material you need to know before the class begins on Saturday. You will also need to make time to read portions of the book.

Refund Policy

The Deadline to drop a course for a refund is by the 2nd class. You will then be refunded ½ of the tuition. If you drop a course after the 2nd class, you will receive no refund. Withdrawal must be made in writing and postmarked (dated) or emailed before that date. You should email the Director at altonbrant@msn.com. Special consideration will be given for certain emergencies or medical situations. Do not hesitate to contact the Tri-State Director for more information.

Certificate Program

All students are working toward a certificate in Deaf Ministry. Certificates can be earned in Basic Studies, Advanced Studies, and Deaf Church Leadership. All students are required to do all class work necessary to earn a certificate. Certificate classes are graded on a PASS or FAIL basis.

Attendance

All certificate students and all college credit students are allowed only 1 absence, with rare exemption that must be approved by both the professor and the Director. Students cannot be absent on final exam day without permission from the professor. The final exam day may or may not be online that day. The professor will let you know if it is. Students with more than one absence will automatically fail the class.

Lodging

SINCE THIS IS A ZOOM CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE, THERE WILL BE NO LODGING REQUIREMENTS TO FULFILL.

Meals

SINCE WE WILL BE MEETING ON ZOOM AND FROM 6:30 – 9:10 PM, THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO PROVIDE LUNCHES.

Financial Aid

Financial assistance may be available for students in need. Please contact the Director.

Questions / Special Accommodations

Please feel free to contact the Alton Brant, the Director of TriState Deaf School of Theology, at altonbrant@msn.com with any questions, special accommodations, or concerns. You may also contact Lynn Brooks, Administrative Assistant/Treasurer at g-lbrooks@msn.com or Beth Rosenzweig, Assistant Director, at uncbeth@hotmail.com

Certificate Program

TriState offers three different certificates in Deaf Ministry. Each certificate requires successfully passing six courses before the certificate is awarded. Here is a brief overview of the certificate classes:

1. Certificate in Basic Studies requires:
 - a. Introduction to the Old Testament
 - b. Introduction to the New Testament
 - c. Introduction to Baptist Heritage
 - d. Introduction to Christian Theology
 - e. Introduction to Deaf Church Ministry
 - f. Spiritual Formation
2. Certificate in Advanced Studies requires:
 - a. Two Old Testament Courses (for example: Pentateuch, Prophets, Psalms)
 - b. Two New Testament Courses (for example: Synoptic Gospels, Letters of Paul, Writings of John)
 - c. Biblical Backgrounds
 - d. Church History
3. Certificate in Deaf Church Leadership requires:
 - a. Leading the Deaf Church in Today's World

- b. Pastoral Counseling in a Deaf Ministry Setting
- c. Ministry Practicum
- d. Bible Storying
- e. Cross Cultural Understanding
- f. Evangelism and Missions with a Deaf Focus

Check out the questions and answers on the next page and feel free to share this with others you think might be interested.



- What is TriState Deaf School of Theology?
 - TriState is an educational program started by three Baptist State Conventions (GA, SC, and NC) that provides education and training for Deaf church leaders.
- What is the certificate program?
 - Students take six classes in a variety of subjects and earn a certificate from TriState at the end of all six classes.
- Is there only one level of certificate?
 - No. There are three levels. There are six classes in each level so a student can possibly earn all three certificates.
- What classes are offered?
 - At each level there are classes in Old Testament, New Testament, Deaf church ministry, Theology, and Church Ministry skills.
- What are the three levels of certificates?
 - The first level is called “Certificate in Basic Studies”
 - The second level is called “Certificate in Advanced Studies”
 - The third level is called “Certificate in Deaf Church Leadership”
- Must each level be finished in sequence?
 - It is best to finish the basic studies before starting the advanced studies. However, sometimes due to when classes can be offered, some students might be working on more than one level certificate at a time.
- Does TriState offer audit classes?

- No. TriState no longer offers students the option to audit classes. All students will be on a certificate track. All students will be required to attend classes and do all the study required by each class. Classes are graded on a Pass/Fail basis for all certificates.
- If I have taken classes from TriState in the past, does that count toward a certificate?
 - Yes. If you have taken classes with TriState in the past for college credit and you passed that course you will receive credit for that class toward your Tri-State certificate.
- How can I learn more about this certificate program that TriState is offering?
 - Send an email to the TriState Director, Alton Brant and ask him for more information. His email address is altonbrant@msn.com