



Fully Online Synchronous Class

Fall — 2024 Course Offering

Spiritual Formation and Discipleship
Professor: Dr. Rick McClain
Fall 2025 Semester
13-Week Sessions, 4 Hours Each Week

Introduction to Tri-State Deaf School of Theology: RELI 271

- TriState’s mission has always endeavored to provide our students with formal, biblical training at a minimal cost. Most of our students hold full-time jobs, have families, and possess limited incomes. Some of our students have enrolled in and continued their education with our partner institutions, completing their degrees. Our program is unique and the only kind in the country. All our faculty (Deaf and Hearing) are proficient signers of ASL and are well-educated, holding at least a master’s degree or doctorate. Our classes are Deaf-friendly and provide an optimum learning environment for our students.

Course Description:

A study in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship seeks to answer the following questions:

- What does a true spiritual formation relationship with God look like?
- What is the Biblical vision of true spirituality?
- What is Spiritual Maturity? How does one Grow in Spiritual Maturity?
- What is the objective of Spiritual Formation, both internally and externally? What is the true measure of a person’s spiritual journey?

Course Objectives:

- Students will be challenged to explore biblical-theological foundations for spiritual formation and discipleship, the historical development of Christian spirituality and the process of nurturing spiritual formation through various ministry tasks in their Christian life and ministry.

Student Objectives:

- Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to demonstrate:
 - Understanding Discipleship by developing a plan for personal discipleship and learning how to assist others.
 - Skill in the ability to practice appropriate disciplines of the Christian Faith.
 - Comprehension of spiritual formation and discipleship principles, as reflected in the class discussions on the various spiritual disciplines of spiritual maturity.
 - The ability to evaluate, reflect, and incorporate specific changes, suggestions, and objectives in their lives that lead to stronger spiritual disciplines.

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 — Fall 2024 Season
Dr. Rick McClain, Instructor**

Please PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

VP: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Check only one:

1. Spiritual Formation and Discipleship

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 Aug.23, 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 Aug.23, 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: Dr. Rick McClain
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Class Schedule: (Adapted Week-to-Week)

Each Saturday, for 13 weeks, from 8:30 – 12:30, with appropriate breaks at intervals. The class will meet on Zoom. The class will be divided up into four Sessions each week:

- 8:30 – 9:30 – Discussion and questions relating to the previous week’s lecture.
- 9:45 – 11:30 – Current Week’s Discussion
- 11:30 – 12:00 Noon – Questions and answers from Current Lectures
- 12:15 – 12:30 – Discussion and Review of Assignments for Next Class

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.