



Online Class

Spring — 2025 Course Offering

Introduction to Tri-State Deaf School of Theology: Religious Education: Bible study Preparation for Lay Leaders.

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

Religious Education: Bible Study Preparation for Lay Leaders
(specifically Sunday school teachers)

Professor: Becky Walker

Class Code: RELI 377

Spring 2025 Semester

15-Week Sessions 3 Hours Meeting/Videos Each Week

Class Begins January 11, 2025

Class Ends May 3, 2025

A study in Bible Study Preparation for Lay Leaders seeks to answer the following questions:

- What can I do to prepare to teach in my local church? (Sunday School, Bible Studies)
- What is a practical way I can teach to different age groups?
- What is the right way to prepare and plan for teaching the Bible?

- What are the strategies I need to research and find materials, activities, and practical application for a Bible class?
- What is the accurate way to incorporate people into my church and build community through outreach and Bible teaching?
- What are ways to share and witness through my Bible teaching?

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 2025 Season
REL ____
Becky Walker, Instructor**

Please PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

VP: _____ Email: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Check only one:

___ **1. Adult 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

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 January 4, 2025**

Scholarships are awarded only on a case-by-case basis. Contact Kevin Clark 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 January 4, 2025**

_____ 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 1328
Candler, NC 28715

Course Objectives:

- Students will be challenged to explore and develop practical skills and applications of Bible teaching in order to enhance their understanding of Bible training in the local church setting.

Student Objectives:

- Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to demonstrate:
 - Understanding the purpose and intent of being a leader and Bible teacher in the local church.
 - Develop an understanding of the audiences that they may encounter and plan by setting spiritual goals to enhance their preparation.
 - Comprehend strategies and locate resources in order to plan and assist them in preparing for their Bible classes.
 - The ability to evaluate, reflect, and incorporate specific changes, suggestions, and objectives in their teaching that leads them to stronger spiritual disciplines, as it relates to teaching the Bible.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: Becky Walker

Text: 864-933-0892

Class Schedule:

Class will meet every Saturday from 10:00 – 11:30. Students will also receive pre-recorded videos to watch the study through the week. Students are responsible for both the recorded videos and the Saturday class time. The class meeting and recorded video will add up to 3 hours per week.

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 JQParks@gmail.com Special consideration will be given for certain emergencies or medical situations. Do not hesitate to contact the TriState 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.