

Program Curriculum

The Congregational Assistant Program consists of the following courses:

Life of Christ
New Testament Overview
Old Testament Overview
Small Catechism
*Life of Luther
*Law and Gospel
*Church and Ministry
*The Christian Family
*Christian Leadership
Biblical Worship
Evangelism (3 modules)
Teaching (2 modules)
Christian Doctrine
Other Churches and Religions

** Indicates courses which can be taught by a guest speaker as a one-day seminar hosted by your congregation.*

Capstone Courses

WELS History and Structure
Basics of Culture
Biblical Interpretation

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CONGREGATIONAL ASSISTANT PROGRAM

*Preparing Men and Women for
Service in their Local Congregation*

CAPSTONE



What is CAPSTONE?

The final component of the program, the only element that is not offered locally, is the 8-day CAPstone session split between New Ulm, Minnesota, and Milwaukee & Mequon, Wisconsin. Students may participate in the CAPstone session after completing the other program requirements. Those who, for legitimate reasons, are unable to attend should contact the director to see whether alternate arrangements can be made.

What can I expect?

CAPstone is typically held once a year, in July. CAPstone participants spend Sunday through Thursday on the MLC campus in New Ulm, studying Biblical Interpretation and Basics of Culture. Thursday afternoon the group travels to Milwaukee. Events on Monday and Tuesday will include lectures on the various organizations and boards within WELS. On Saturday, participants spend the day learning about and conducting ethnographic interviews or canvassing local neighborhoods for one of the local Milwaukee churches. Sunday the group tours the Milwaukee area visiting various historic sights, important to the history of WELS. , along with a tour of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. The session concludes on Sunday late afternoon, with the awarding of certificates.

What is required to attend?

As previously stated, students may participate in a CAPstone session after completing the program requirements (all CAP coursework).

In addition, there are three books that must be ordered in advance, and read prior to attending CAPstone.

~*Together in Christ*, by John Braun. Brief history of WELS and its place in American church history. Overview of synodical mission statement, structure and work of its divisions. Visits to synodical headquarters and WLS as well as meeting synod leaders.

~*Change*, by Dr. E. Allen Sorum - Introduction to what culture is, how cultures vary, and how to learn to understand other cultures.

~*Biblical Interpretation - The Only Right Way*, by David P. Kuske. Review of principles of Bible interpretation. Examples and effects of improper interpretation.

These materials are all available from the program's administrative assistant. All 3 books are mailed directly to the participant upon receipt of CAPSTONE registration & payment.



What are the costs?

For the 8-day Capstone Session there is a minimal tuition fee for the courses, a fee for the dorm room while on campus, a flat fee for meals at the cafeteria, and whatever the student's transportation costs might be. Lodging while in Milwaukee is reserved by our office in advance, but the fee is the responsibility of the participant.

Please contact the program's administrative assistant for information regarding up-to-date registration costs.

