



PATHWAYS TO LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP

Pathways to Learning and Leadership is a Leadership Institute program of online courses offered to provide to increase the knowledge and discipleship of church members, and help with the education of those desiring to become Commissioned Ruling Elders. Each course is five weeks long. There are no prerequisites, and no college or seminary credit is given.

No travel, lodging, or meals are required, since you can access the courses from your own computer. All you need is a computer, tablet, or smart phone with a microphone. It is preferred that your device have a webcam either built in or external.

Pathways courses for 2018/19

Summer 2018 Self-Directed courses in Bible Survey –10 sessions New Testament (10 sessions Old Testament planned for fall 2018)

Foundational courses (Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. ET):

- September 11 – October 9, 2018: **Biblical Interpretation**
- October 23 – November 20, 2018: **Reformed Theology and Church History**
- January 8 – February 5, 2019: **The Christian Life**
- February 19 – March 19, 2019: **Mission and Evangelism**

Elective:

- March 26 – April 30, 2019 (skipping April 16) (Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. ET): **The Gospel of Mark**

Practical Courses (Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. ET):

- September 6 – October 4, 2018: **Worship and Sacraments**
- October 18 – November 15, 2018: **Polity and Administration**
- January 3 – 31, 2019: **Preaching the Bible**
- February 14 – March 14, 2019: **Pastoral Care**
- March 28 – May 2, 2019 (skipping April 18): **Teaching the Bible**

Each five-week course costs \$100, and requires the purchase of one book. Contact Marilyn Johns (mjohns@upsem.edu) for more information, or go to www.upsem.edu/pathways to read about the program, to look at classes for this spring, and/or to register for spring 2018 classes.





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What is it? **Pathways to Learning and Leadership** is a program of nine courses offered over a two-year period to provide educational preparation toward leading a congregation as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (check with your presbytery first), and six courses for church members who want to increase their knowledge and discipleship. Each course is five weeks long. **Foundational courses** (Phase I - for everyone) are taught entirely online, using live instruction, readings, and peer discussion. **Practical ministry courses for CREs** (Phase II-a) are taught online, with some practical exercises carried out in the local church. **Electives for church members** (Phase II-b) are taught entirely online. Participants will need about six (6) hours per week, including two hours at a specific time online, to complete the work.

Who is it for? People studying to be CREs will be joined by interested church members in learning together. Courses will be taught from a Reformed (Presbyterian) perspective, but are open to all.

Who will teach the courses? Most will be taught by faculty from Union Presbyterian Seminary. Some will be taught by experienced practitioners in their field.

How much does it cost? The cost per five week course is \$100. In addition there will usually be one book to purchase per course.

Are there prerequisites to taking the courses? No. Anyone can participate.

Will I earn college credit for the courses? No. These courses do not earn academic credit. At the end of the two years, you will meet the educational requirements of your denomination toward becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder (or your denomination's equivalent).

When can I get started? Courses will be ongoing. We recommend that the foundational courses (Phase I) be taken first, but other courses may be taken in any order.

What kind of computer do I need? You will need a desktop or laptop computer, or a tablet or smart phone in order to participate. You must have a microphone; a webcam is recommended, but not required.

How do I register? Go to www.upsem.edu/pathways to register online, or contact Marilyn Johns at mjohns@upsem.edu with any questions.

