

# **Correctional Ministry Focus Area Credential**

Program Requirements

(21 Credits)

## **Core Courses**

The Core Courses provide students with:

- A strong biblical basis for correctional ministry
- An understanding of the criminal justice, corrections, and reentry systems, priorities, and issues
- An understanding of the dynamics of working with offenders and ministry implications
- Evangelism and discipleship strategies for offenders and corrections staff
- Support for an increased Christian commitment and personal leadership in correctional ministry

### **Core Courses (9 credits)**

- Introduction of Correctional Ministries (3 credits)
- Dynamics of Working with Offenders (3 credits)
- Leadership and Spiritual Formation of Offenders (3 credits)

## **Correctional Ministry Focus Area**

### **Focus Area**

Students desiring a Focus Area (female offenders, sex offenders, program development, families/children of offenders, etc.) of correctional ministry will select courses with the assistance of an advisor that is congruent with the student's personal goals and with the correctional ministries educational objectives. The Focus Area independent study will examine the issues, concern, solutions and biblical truths to the focus area. Specialized skills utilized in the focus area will be developed. Upon completion of the program requirements, students will receive the Correctional Ministries Certificate.

### **Courses (9 credits)**

- Focus Area Independent Study (3 credits)
- Elective from chaplaincy and reentry courses (3 credits)
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### **Capstone Project or Practicum (3 credits)**

Each certificate program must include one of the following:

- **Capstone project:** Approved by advisor  
OR
- **Practicum:** Uniquely tailored to the particular track the student is on and involve a correctional ministry coach.