

PARISH MINISTRY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Estimated Cost of Parish Ministry Associate Program

Program timeline: 2-5 years. (This timeline may be extended due to situations beyond the control of the student, after consultation with PMA Program staff.)

Course/Rental/Task	Fee	Notes
Application Fee	\$50 Check to: Nebraska Synod ELCA PMA Program. Memo: Application Fee	This is sent with your application and includes the cost of the required background checks.
On-line courses through Select Learning, ELCA's distance learning service	See Select Learning for prices	See page 2 of this form for all Select contact information. https://www.selectlearning.org
Local facilitator-led course, using DVD rented from PMA office.	\$75 per credit Example: Intro. to N.T. is 3 credits. 3 credits x \$75 is \$225 tuition. Plus any books that might be required.	The course fee is sent to the PMA office on or before the first day of class. <i>One option is to have your congregation purchase the DVDs and keep use them for adult education. Talk with your minister.</i>
Independent Study Option #1: Renting course DVDs from PMA office. Option #2: Purchasing your own DVD courses from Select.	Option 1: \$25 rental fee for DVDs from the PMA office, plus return postage. Option 2: Purchase of DVD course from www.selectlearning.org ; prices were \$15-180 per course in May 2021.	Option 1 is for students finding it difficult to study with other students. The student works with their mentor pastor instead. When you rent our DVDs, complete the course in a timely manner. There may be other students waiting for the same DVDs.
Rental fee for course DVDs from the PMA office.	\$25 per course. Check payable to: Nebraska Synod PMA Program. Memo: DVD rental. Student pays return postage.	Request DVD courses through the PMA Administrator/office. Rental fee must be paid before DVD is shipped to you.
Paper reading fee through Select Learning.	\$15 per reading. You will need to "buy" paper reading at Select under Final paper guidelines	Core courses require a final paper, read by Select's staff. Each time your paper is redone, it is re-read, and the reading fee paid.

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Books and other resources for courses	These costs vary. Book information is available with each course, on Select’s website, and determined by teacher or facilitator.	Alternatives: other students; church or local library (inter-library loans); your minister; local bookstore; online booksellers. We have a limited number of books in the PMA office.
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PMA students are required to attend **two PMA Convocations** during their studies. This cost will vary. The costs will be for your travel, room, meals, and the program. Program, meal and lodging costs are typically under \$200 with a private room. This may be something that your congregation is willing to assist you with financially. For “need-based” scholarships, contact the PMA Program staff for confidential assistance.

Required Courses & Electives

1 How Lutherans Interpret the Bible (prerequisite)	no credit, no paper
2 Introduction to the Old Testament	3 credits + paper
3 Introduction to the New Testament	3 credits + paper
4 Getting Down to Basics: Augsburg Confession & Small Catechism, 3 credits + paper	3 credits + paper
5 Systematic Theology: Fundamentals of Christian Theology	3 credits + sermons
6 Foundations of Biblical Preaching (online only)	2 credits
7 Good God Questions, Volumes 1 & 2	1 credit
8 Let’s Talk About Death	<i>One paper for courses 6 and 7 combined.</i>
9 From Jesus to Luther	3 credits + paper
10 Reformation Roots	2 credits
11 We Must Plant the Church	1 credit
	<i>One paper for courses 9 and 10 combined.</i>
12 Ethics in Lutheran Perspective	3 credits + paper
13 Spiritual Practices and Faith Development	2 credits
	<i>Costs vary based on student choice.</i>
14 Electives	5 credits + papers
	<i>Only Select courses require a paper reading fee.</i>
15 Essential Boundaries for Wise Leaders--101	<i>Taken through Nebraska Synod. Typically, \$50-100 plus travel.</i>

Send all PMA Program checks to:

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