

## PARISH MINISTRY ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

### Estimated Cost of Tuition and Fees for the PMA Program

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

<b>Course/Rental/Task</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Application Fee</b>	<b>\$50</b> Check to: Nebraska Synod PMA Program Memo: Application Fee	This is sent with your application and includes the cost of the required background checks.
<b>On-line Courses</b> through Select Learning, ELCA's distance learning service	See Select Learning for prices	See page 2 of this document for all Select Learning contact information
<b>Local Facilitator-led</b> course, using DVD rented from PMA office	<b>\$75 per credit</b> 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 them for adult education. Talk with your minister.</i>
<b>Independent Study</b>  Option #1: Renting course DVDs from the PMA office  Option #2: Purchasing your own DVD courses from Select Learning	Option 1: <b>\$25 rental fee</b> for DVDs from the PMA office, plus return postage. Option 2: Purchase DVD course from Select Learning; prices vary from <b>\$15-\$180</b> per course in February 2023	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.
<b>Rental fee</b> for course DVDs from the PMA office	<b>\$25 per course</b> Check payable to: Nebraska Synod PMA Program. Memo: DVD rental. <b>Student pays return postage.</b>	Request DVD courses through the PMA Administrator/office. Rental fee must be paid before DVD is shipped to you.
<b>Paper Reading Fee</b> through Select Learning	<b>\$15 per reading</b> 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 is paid.

Books and other resources for courses	<b>These costs vary</b> 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
5 Systematic Theology: Fundamentals of Christian Theology	3 credits + paper
6 Foundations of Biblical Preaching (online only)	3 credits + sermons
7 Good God Questions, Volumes 1 & 2	2 credits
8 Let's Talk About Death	1 credit
	<i>One paper for courses 7 &amp; 8 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 10 &amp; 11 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	4 credits + papers
	<i>Only Select courses require paper reading fee</i>
15 Leadership Basics 101	1 credit + paper
16 Essential Boundaries for Wise Leaders 101	
	<i>Both taken through Nebraska Synod, typically, \$50-\$100 plus travel</i>

**Send all PMA Program Checks to:**  
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