

## **PMA EDUCATION VIA SELECT MULTIMEDIA RESOURCES**

This page provides information on utilization of Select Multimedia Resources for Parish Ministry Associates in the Central States Synod to access courses for core and elective courses for PMA students and for continuing education for certified PMAs. For the Select Home Page, go to:

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=index](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=index)

If you find courses in addition to those listed on this page that are quality offerings appropriate for PMAs, please share this information with the PMA Coordinator for your Area Ministry who will arrange for dissemination and for addition to the PMA web site.

It is noted that limited scholarship support is available for educational costs, and this can apply to Select Courses. Please apply to the PMA Coordinator for your Area Ministry.

### **PMA Education Requirements:**

Course requirements for PMA certification are listed in the PMA Handbook. See Page 3 of this link: [http://www.csspma.org/pdf/Handbook\\_May2006.pdf](http://www.csspma.org/pdf/Handbook_May2006.pdf)

Continuing education is required to maintain certification. Twelve contact hours per year is the standard (the practice has been to recognize six hours for attendance at PMA Convocation).

### **Select Multi Media Resources for PMA Education**

Select Multimedia resources is a program of media-based continuing education from the Office of Vocation & Education of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In short, Select develops and distributes video based courses generally led by professors at Lutheran seminaries and educational institutions. Considerable effort and investment is being made to expand, renew, and upgrade the resources available. These resources are available for use by PMA Students and for continuing education for certified PMAs.

### **Use of Select Materials to Meet Certification Requirements**

The following is the suggested process for utilizing Select Materials to meet requirements for certification:

There are three options for completing a Select course for PMA credit:

1. **Form a group of PMA Students who will complete the course together.** The exact format may vary, but this is a common practice for this approach:
  - a. Inform the PMA Coordinator for your area ministry of your intent. The Coordinator may be aware of other students who may be interested.
  - b. Develop the course and group

- i. Form the group—3 or more PMAs allows for good discussion and sharing
  - ii. Find a Course Leader—a Lutheran Pastor or theologically qualified person (AIM, Diaconal Minister) with expertise in the subject. Before contacting the potential leader, consult with the PMA Coordinator for your area ministry.
  - iii. Agree upon frequency and place of meetings
  - iv. The 24 contact hour requirement for a course can be met through a combination of the time in class plus the amount of lecture time on the video.
  - v. Submit a plan to the PMA Coordinator whose approval will assure credit for those completing the course.
- c. Before each meeting
- i. Each student watches the video on own time (requiring either the individual purchase of the video or the sharing of videos—copying is not allowed)
  - ii. Read the assignment
  - iii. Complete any additional assignment given by the Course Leader—such as a written assignment.
- d. Attend the class
- e. Complete written assignments
- f. Have the Course Leader prepare an evaluation on each student for submission to the PMA Coordinator.

## **2. Take a Select Online Course**

Select is continuing to expand and develop online courses. For a listing of those available soon, see the listing below for Core Credit Courses notes as having online opportunities.

3. **Arrange for independent study.** If you cannot form a group and the online course is either not available or doesn't work for you, then utilize the Select materials as an independent study. This is the process:
- a. Ask for prior approval for credit. Send your study plan including the Select Course that you have chosen and the name of your intended mentor to the PMA Coordinator for your Area Ministry
  - b. Arrange for a mentor—usually your pastor or another nearby pastor.
  - c. Do the work
    - i. Watch the video
    - ii. Read the assignment
  - d. Complete a paper—as noted in the PMA Handbook—for review by your mentor and when approved by him/her submit to the PMA Coordinator for your Area Ministry.

## **A Partial Listing of Courses Currently Available**

The following lists some of the courses currently available.

### **Core Courses for Certification:**

Introduction to the New Testament—Course Materials only—available soon

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=68&products\\_id=531](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=68&products_id=531)

Introduction to the New Testament –Online learning opportunity: Begins September 15

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=527](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=527)

Old Testament Survey Course—available soon

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=69&products\\_id=519](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=69&products_id=519)

Christian Ethics:

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=72&products\\_id=451](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=72&products_id=451)

Lutheran Confessions—Course Materials only

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=516](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=516)

*(Please note: to receive full PMA Credit, you may be required to complete additional work on the Book of Concord. Contact the PMA Coordinator for your Area Ministry).*

Lutheran Confessions—Online learning opportunity—Begins September 15

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=107&products\\_id=530](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=107&products_id=530) *(Please note: to receive full PMA Credit, you may be required to complete additional work on the Book of Concord. Contact the PMA Coordinator for your Area Ministry).*

### **Electives and Continuing Education:**

Many courses are available from Select. For Elective Credit, first decide upon your area of emphasis so that you can find courses that are appropriate for you.

Church History: From Jesus to Luther; Course Materials only

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=66&products\\_id=350](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=66&products_id=350)

Church History: From Jesus to Luther: Online learning opportunity: Begins September 15

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=107&products\\_id=528](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=107&products_id=528)

Systematic Theology

[http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=72&products\\_id=497](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=72&products_id=497)

**Other Course Materials from Select:**

Additional Study Guides—for situations where share or utilize previously purchased video guides; [http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main\\_page=index&cPath=106](http://www.selectlearning.org/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=106)