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## Theological Education And Mentoring Institute Tracks and Programs

### Short Summary:

#### **Apprenticeships:**

Apprenticeship in Diaconate Studies  
Apprenticeship in Eldership Studies  
Apprenticeship in Church Planting  
Apprenticeship in Bible Study  
Apprenticeship in Ministry Philosophy  
Apprenticeship in Theology

#### **Journeymanships:**

Journeymanship in Pastoral Studies  
Journeymanship in Theology

#### **Masterships:**

Mastership in Theology  
Mastership in Divinity

### Full Summary:

#### **Apprenticeship in Diaconate Studies**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - Biblical Theology of Deacons
  - Practical Theology of Deacons
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Deacon Qualification Assessment
  - Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg:
  - Audit two deacons' meetings.

- Create a job description for a deacon.
- Create procedures for how deacons should interact with both the elders and the congregation to effectively fulfill their roles.
- Oral examination.

### **Apprenticeship in Eldership Studies**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - Biblical Theology of Eldership
  - Pastoral Theology
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Life and Ministry Assessment
  - Becoming Established Assessment
  - Giftedness Assessment
  - Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg:
  - Audit two elders' meetings.
  - Write a job description for an elder.
  - Describe a process by which a member of the church can be appointed as an elder, including training, examination of qualifications and giftedness, and the involvement of current elders and the congregation.
  - Oral examination.

### **Apprenticeship in Church Planting**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - *Acts: Keys to the Establishment and Expansion of the First Century Church*
  - Theology of Church Planting
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Life and Ministry Assessment
  - Becoming Established Assessment
  - Giftedness Assessment
  - Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg:
  - Create a job description for missionaries, elders, mission agencies, and local churches, including how they relate to one another.
  - Create a strategy by which the entire church can be effectively involved in local, regional, cross-cultural, and global missions.
  - Interview a missionary or church planter
  - Visit a church plant.
  - Oral examination.

### **Apprenticeship in Ministry Philosophy**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - *Acts: Keys to the Establishment and Expansion of the First Century Church*
  - Philosophy of Ministry
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Life and Ministry Assessment
  - Becoming Established Assessment
  - Giftedness Assessment
  - Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg:
  - Interview a pastor.
  - Write a philosophy of ministry statement.
  - Describe how those principles could be effectively implemented in your local church.
  - Oral examination.

### **Apprenticeship in Theology**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - *Understanding the Essentials of Sound Doctrine*
  - Survey of Systematic Theology
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Life and Ministry Assessment
  - Becoming Established Assessment
  - Giftedness Assessment
  - Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg:
  - Write a *kerygma/didache* statement which can be used by a church to establish believers in their faith.
  - Write and defend a doctrinal statement around the “ten major doctrines”.
  - Oral examination.

### **Journeyman in Pastoral Studies**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - *Acts: Keys to the Expansion and Establishment of the First Century Church*
  - Homiletics
  - Survey of Systematic Theology
  - Ecclesiology
  - Biblical Counseling
  - Philosophy of Ministry
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Life and Ministry Assessment

- Becoming Established Assessment
- Giftedness Assessment
- Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg
  - “Ride along” with a pastor.
  - Audit two elders’ meetings.
  - Preach an expository sermon series.
  - Write a mock church constitution.
  - Create a disciple-making strategy for your local church.
  - Oral examination.

### **Journeyman in Theology**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - *Understanding the Essentials of Sound Doctrine*
  - Biblical Theology
  - Systematic Theology I
  - Systematic Theology II
  - Historical Theology
  - Fundamentalism
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Life and Ministry Assessment
  - Becoming Established Assessment
  - Giftedness Assessment
  - Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg:
  - Introduction to rhetoric (select units from *Preaching and Teaching*).
  - Teach a topical series.
  - Write a *kerygma/didache* statement which can be used by a church to establish believers in their faith.
  - Write and defend a doctrinal statement around the “ten major doctrines”.
  - Oral examination.

### **Mastership in Theology**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - Select a topical study in biblical, systematic, or historical theology.
  - Create reading list with mentor.
  - Take additional classes as deemed necessary.
  - Research.
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Life and Ministry Assessment
  - Becoming Established Assessment

- Giftedness Assessment
- Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg:
  - Write *magnum opus* rough draft
  - Write *magnum opus* second draft
  - Teach *magnum opus*

### **Mastership in Divinity**

- Orthodoxy Leg:
  - Select topical study in practical, pastoral, or devotional theology.
  - Take additional classes as deemed necessary.
  - Create reading list with mentor.
  - Research.
- Orthopathy Leg:
  - *FTL: Spiritual Life Journal*
  - Life and Ministry Assessment
  - Becoming Established Assessment
  - Giftedness Assessment
  - Current Ministry Assessment
- Orthopraxy Leg:
  - Write *magnum opus* rough draft
  - Write *magnum opus* second draft
  - Teach *magnum opus*

### **Glossary of Terms:**

**Apprenticeship:** An (roughly) eight month program where students learn basic truths about ministry and are exposed to local church service.

**Journeymanship:** A (roughly) two and half year program where students who have already completed an apprenticeship will learn more in-depths truths and be involved in more extensive local church ministry.

**Leg:** A section of a program that focuses on developing either correct thinking, correct action, or correct affections in the student.

**Magnum opus:** A dissertation completed at the end of a mastership program.

**Mastership:** A (roughly) sixteen month program where students who have already completed an apprenticeship and journeymanship will develop their research, writing, and communication skills in the context of local church ministry.

**Orthodoxy:** “Correct thinking”; this leg focuses on sound doctrine and Bible knowledge.

**Orthopathy:** “Correct loves”; this leg focuses on disciplining the student’s heart.

**Orthopraxy:** “Correct living”; this leg focuses on practical ministry skills.