



NORTHERN Seminary

BIBLICAL • MISSIONAL • PERSONAL

D. MIN. CECL

Provides a practical and academic framework for pastors and congregational leaders to think critically, creatively, and faithfully about ministry in order to more effectively minister in changing, challenging, cultural contexts.

Flexible : One-week intensives that fit around your schedule

Convenient : Complete 16 hours of the degree by attending each session of CECL in Green Lake, WI. Then complete 3 courses on Northern's Lombard campus

Attainable : Can be completed in less than four years

Affordable : CECL students receive an exclusive grant

- Provides :**
- A renewed spirit and passion for the church's mission and vision
 - Advanced theological and practical ministry training for pastors in a group-based action-reflection process
 - Meaningful dialogue with faculty, CECL participants, and other students which sharpens thinking and develops contextual understanding
 - Broader theological understanding



Program Breakdown :

Courses at CECL

CECL Sessions 1 - 5 16 hours

Thesis

Design and Research 4 hours
Project and Writing 8 hours

Courses at Northern

Doctors of the Church 3 hours

Personal Assessment 1 hour

Biblical/Theological Reflection 4 hours

Academic Year 1

| AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL |
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| | CECL Session * | | | | Becoming Doctors of the Church | | | CECL Session * | | | |

Academic Year 2

| AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL |
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| | CECL Session * | | | | Biblical/Theological Reflection | | | CECL Session * | | | |

Academic Year 3

| AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL |
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| CECL Session * | | | | | Thesis Design | | Thesis Writing and Research | | | | |

Academic Year 4

| AUG | SEPT | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL |
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| Thesis Writing and Research | | | | | | Thesis Extension if Needed | | | | Graduation | |

* Each class of CECL works through its sessions in the order listed below.

Class 4

CECL Session 2
 CECL Session 3
 CECL Session 4
 CECL Session 5
 CECL Session 1

Class 5

CECL Session 4
 CECL Session 5
 CECL Session 2
 CECL Session 3
 CECL Session 1

Class 6 & 7

CECL Session 2
 CECL Session 3
 CECL Session 4
 CECL Session 5
 CECL Session 1

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