



**Taught at Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC**

**Fall 2017 Course Offered**

**REL 321 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN HISTORY**

REL 321 is a study of the history of the Christian church from the first century to the present day.

**Textbook:**

- Church history in Plain Language 4<sup>th</sup> ed. By Bruce Shelley. Published by Thomas Nelson, 2013. ISBN # - 978-1-4016-7631-5
- Handouts as provided by the teacher

Taught by Dr. Donnie Wiltshire

**Pre-registration Deadline: August 25, 2017**



**RIDGECREST NC CAMPUS  
Registration: Fall 2017**

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

VP: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check only one:

1. **REL 321 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN HISTORY**

Every Student is working toward a Deaf Ministry Certificate. Check below if you also want college credit for this class:

I want college credit for this class

Payment:

\$125.00 for this class (Postmarked after August 25, 2017)

Make your check payable to: **Georgia Baptist Mission Board**

Mail check and form to:  
Lynn Brooks  
Special Assistant - TriState  
P.O. Box 1328  
Candler, NC 28715

## Class Schedule

All classes meet at Ridgecrest Conference center just outside of Black Mountain, North Carolina. Classes meet from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The dates for classes Fall 2017 are: September 9, September 30, October 14, November 4, December 2, and final exam to be announced.

## Refund Policy

Deadline to drop a course for a refund is September 8, 2017. You will be refunded ½ of the tuition. If you drop a course after September 8, 2017 you will receive no refund. Withdrawal must be made in writing and postmarked (dated) or e-mailed before September 9 (e-mail the Director at [dwiltshire@ncbaptist.org](mailto:dwiltshire@ncbaptist.org)). Special consideration will be given for certain emergencies or medical situations. Do not hesitate to contact the TriState Director for more information.

## Certificate Program

All students are working toward a certificate in Deaf Ministry. Certificates can be earned in Basic Studies, Advanced Studies, and Deaf Church Leadership. All students are required to do all class work necessary to earn a certificate in Deaf Ministry. Certificate classes are graded on a "PASS or FAIL" basis.

## Credit

Students wanting college credit need to check the correct box on the form. This means that the course they are taking counts toward a real college degree. They can often transfer the course to another college. TriState Deaf School of Theology does not offer degrees. Students seeking a college degree must work with Gardner-Webb University on a degree plan. Talk to the TriState director for additional information.

## Audit

TriState no longer offers an audit option.

## Attendance

All students and all college credit students are allowed **only 1 absence**. Students cannot be absent on final exam day without permission from the professor. Students with more than one absence will automatically fail the class.

## Dropping a Course

To withdraw from a course you are taking for **credit**, you must go to the GWU main web page, click on Academics, click on Registrar Services, and click on Withdrawal, submit the form online to officially withdraw from the class. Your professor cannot do it for you. Once your withdrawal has been processed an e-mail notice will be sent to you, and your professor at your GWU e-mail address. You will receive a Withdraw Passing (WP) or a Withdraw Failing (WF) as a final grade for the class. The default grade is WP and will remain a WP unless the professor responds to the e-mail sent by the registrar.

## **Lodging**

Lodging is available at Ridgecrest for \$59.00 as a single or \$29.50 if you share a room with someone. Reserve your room in advance by calling Ridgecrest at 800-588-7222. Be sure to mention you are attending a TriState class or else you will not get a discount.

## **Meals**

A Saturday noon meal is included in the tuition fee. All students are required to eat at the Ridgecrest cafeteria.

## **Financial Aid**

Some financial aid is available for students in need. Please contact the TriState Director.

## **Questions / Special Accommodations**

Please feel free to contact Donnie Wiltshire, Director of TriState Deaf School of Theology at [dwiltshire@ncbaptist.org](mailto:dwiltshire@ncbaptist.org). If you are unable to reach Donnie Wiltshire, contact Lynn Brooks, Special Assistant, at [g-lbrooks@msn.com](mailto:g-lbrooks@msn.com) or Beth Rosenzweig, Assistant Director, at [uncbeth@hotmail.com](mailto:uncbeth@hotmail.com).

## **Certificate Program**

TriState offers three different certificates in Deaf Ministry. Each certificate requires successfully passing six courses before the certificate is awarded. Here is a brief overview of the certificate classes:

1. Certificate in Basic Studies requires the following classes:
  - a. Introduction to the Old Testament
  - b. Introduction to the New Testament
  - c. Introduction to Baptist Heritage
  - d. Introduction to Christian Theology
  - e. Introduction to Deaf Church Ministry
  - f. Spiritual Formation
2. Certificate in Advanced Studies requires the following classes:
  - a. 2 Old Testament Courses (for example: Pentateuch, Prophets, Psalms)
  - b. 2 New Testament Courses (for example: Synoptic Gospels, Letters of Paul, Writings of John)
  - c. Biblical Backgrounds
  - d. Church History
3. Certificate in Deaf Church Leadership requires the following classes:
  - a. Leading the Deaf Church in Today's World
  - b. Pastoral Counseling in a Deaf Ministry Setting
  - c. Ministry Practicum
  - d. Bible Storying
  - e. Cross Cultural Understanding
  - f. Evangelism and Missions with a Deaf Focus

TriState Deaf School of Theology has started something “NEW.” Since the Fall of 2015 you can receive a Certificate in Deaf ministry by attending and passing TriState classes. Maybe this is the program for you! Read the FAQ below to know if a Certificate in Deaf Ministry is right for you!



**1. What is TriState Deaf School of Theology?**

TriState is an education program started by three Baptist State Conventions (GA, SC, NC) that provides education and training for Deaf church leaders.

**2. What is the certificate program?**

Students take six classes in a variety of subjects and earn a certificate from TriState at the end of all six classes.

**3. Is there only one level of certificate?**

No. There are three levels. There are six classes in each level so a student can possibly earn all three certificates.

**4. What classes are offered?**

At each level there are classes in Old Testament, New Testament, Deaf church ministry, Theology, and Church ministry skills.

**5. What are the three levels of certificate?**

The first level is called “Certificate in Basic Studies.”

The second level is called “Certificate in Advanced Studies.”

The third level is called “Certificate in Deaf Church Leadership.”

**6. Must each level be finished in sequence?**

It is best to finish the basic studies before starting the advanced studies. However, sometimes due to when classes can be offered some students might be working on more than one level certificate at a time.

**7. Is TriState still offering college credit?**

Yes. Any student who wants college credit can register for college credit. Every student will be working towards a certificate awarded by TriState. Only those students who want college credit in addition to the certificate will register for the college credit and will pay a small additional fee. Some classes may not be offered for college credit.

**8. Does TriState still offer audit classes?**

No. TriState will no longer offer students the option to audit classes. All students will be on a certificate track. All students will be required to attend classes and do all the study required by each class. Classes are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. If you pass the class you are on your way toward the desired certificate.

**9. If I have taken classes from TriState in the past does that count toward a certificate?**

Yes. If you have taken classes with TriState in the past for college credit and you passed that course you will receive credit for that class toward your TriState certificate.

**10. How can I learn more about the new certificate program that TriState is offering?**

Send an e-mail to the TriState director, Donnie Wiltshire, and ask him for more information. His e-mail address is: [dwiltshire@ncbaptist.org](mailto:dwiltshire@ncbaptist.org).