

Gateway Seminary - Arizona

Convention Council Report: September, 2020

2021 will mark our 25th anniversary in Arizona! This has only been accomplished by God working through our strong partnership with the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, our member churches and local church leaders. Because of your generous gifts to the Cooperative Program, will have – and will continue – to provide “leader-shaping” theological education and training to Arizona – and the world.

Campus Report

- Gateway Arizona has graduated a total of **262 students** – 16 of which were this past May. More than half the churches in Arizona have a Gateway Arizona graduate, former student or current student serving in a leadership position
- There are currently about 70 students taking classes, 21 of which are new. More than 75% of our student body has enrolled in the last 2 years
- Thanks to several churches and individuals, as well as a foundation established to help students called to mission service, about 30 students are receiving financial assistance, totaling nearly \$40,000. We are grateful for this continued support and partnership!

Locations

In an effort to reach all of Arizona with theological training, we utilize several teaching points:

- Phoenix Main – I-17 west-side frontage road, north of Cactus Road
- Mesa Campus – Valley Rim Baptist Association – near Stapley and Brown
- Tucson Campus – at Mountain View Baptist Church off Thornydale and Cortaro Farms
- Sierra Vista Campus (coming Spring 2021) – at Village Meadows Baptist Church

Degrees and Training

Gateway offers several degree programs, including two doctorates (Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Ministry), and multiple types of Master’s degree, including theology, education, counseling, church-planting, missiology and more. There is a path for you at Gateway, no matter what your spiritual and educational journey is to this point!

Certificate Program at Gateway Arizona

The mission of Gateway Seminary is to provide graduate-level instruction that “shapes leaders who expand God’s kingdom around the world.” But in talking with leaders from around the state, we came to see a real-life need for spiritual education all across our great state. So, instead of expecting folks to travel to Phoenix for training, we’re bringing it to you. Now you can take courses in Phoenix, Mesa, Tucson, and Sierra Vista!

The certificate program at Gateway Seminary is where the classroom meets real-life! We host these courses on local church campuses, so it’s easier to get to. But more than that, the students who take the certificate classes are just like you – from your neighborhood, experiencing the same issues and opportunities in their church, as you are in yours. You’ll learn a lot from the instructor, because every one of them has proven faithful in ministry. But you’ll also hear what your other students are doing to be more effective in reaching Arizona for Jesus. It isn’t just

about learning information in a classroom...it's about applying that knowledge and wisdom in effective ways, making disciples right in your local church.

The requirements for taking Certificate classes are simple:

- Are you 25 years old or older?
- Do you have a high school diploma or its equivalent?
- Are you a church-member with the potential for leadership in your church

If you answered "YES!" to these questions, you'll want to enroll in one of our certificates:

- The ***Bible Teaching Certificate*** is designed to give you a greater insight into the content and message of the Bible, and ways of presenting the Bible more effectively in the local church. This includes Bible studies, Sunday school, home groups, and personal discipleship. This is for anyone who desires to grow in their teaching skills.
- The ***Children's Ministry Certificate*** gives you the opportunity to acquire essential skills for ministering to children and their families in the 21st century.
- The ***Collegiate Ministry Certificate*** helps to equip people to minister effectively to college students, including training in discipleship, evangelism, missions, and leadership.
- The ***Church Revitalization Certificate*** will give pastors, re-planters and revitalizers greater insight and instruction in church transformations as well as create a local network of revitalizers. It provides church revitalization knowledge and tools that can help to ensure a higher level of success in revitalization efforts in the region.
- The ***Pastoral Care Certificate*** provides local church leaders the practical skills needed to minister effectively to the emotional and spiritual needs of others. It provides appropriate pastoral care for the whole person and a working knowledge of the theories and techniques of Christian counseling, and the skills to become better equipped to enhance the local church body.

For more information, call us at 602-843-8544 or visit www.gs.edu. We are humbled and excited for the calling which God has extended to us, to train up relevant and effective leaders in Arizona for His purpose!

Faithfully submitted, Dallas Bivins, Director