



Teaching the Faith

- 1) **Course:** MTC007, Teaching the Faith
- 2) **Length** – 16hrs
- 3) **Course Description:** This foundational course examines the principles and practices of missional Christian education at the parish level. Special attention is given to a Lutheran perspective of education, learning styles and techniques, the art of teaching, on-going catechesis, and educational leadership in the parish, all in order to develop disciples of Christ make disciples. This course will concentrate its activities and readings on the subject of creative Biblical education in the context of a Lutheran parish.
- 4) **Instructional Goals and Objectives:**
 - a) **Being (Spiritual Formation) Objectives:** The student will
 - i) recognize the Bible as the source and norm of all Christian education;
 - ii) be inspired and inspire creativity in missional Christian educational design and instruction;
 - iii) foster an attitude of life-long learning in Christian education;
 - iv) become a learner of “deeper” Biblical truths through applied educational techniques.
 - b) **Knowing (Cognitive Formation) Objectives:** The student will
 - i) understand the role of Christian education in God’s mission;
 - ii) learn the role of the teacher in the educational process;
 - iii) discover a personal teaching style;
 - iv) develop personal goals and objectives for parish education;
 - v) focus on learner-centered rather than teacher-centered methods of instruction;
 - vi) understand learning styles and age specific characteristics.
 - c) **Doing (Conative Formation) Objectives:** The student will
 - i) utilize basic exegetical and hermeneutical principles in lesson preparation;
 - ii) develop missional educational objectives for lesson preparation and student evaluation;
 - iii) design and deliver Christ-centered, missional lesson plans and learning experiences;
 - iv) develop lesson plans and experience class instruction;
 - v) facilitate and manage group discussion and small group dynamics;
 - vi) create a personal library of creative pedagogical techniques;
 - vii) provide missional leadership in the design and administration of a congregation’s Christian education program;
 - viii) evaluate commercially available materials for missional, theological, and educational content;
 - ix) explore the use of educational technology for the parish.