

What is the Iowa School of Ministry (ISOM)?

The Iowa School of Ministry (ISOM) is an institute level school dedicated to ministry training with a combination of self-study and live instruction at the Iowa Ministry Network office in Urbandale, Iowa. We are part of the Association of District Schools approved for credential education by the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God.

Prior to coming together for a class session, students will complete 10-15 hours of pre-course work. Classroom instruction is intended to supplement what students have studied prior to their arrival. Our goal is to help every student develop a high level of competence in the material assigned to the class session.

Every class includes a final exam taken during the classroom session. When the student leaves on Saturday, all of their work will have been completed. There is no post-course work. With some minor variations, the student's final grade will be divided between pre-course work (25%), classroom participation and the final exam (75%).

While the Iowa School of Ministry meets the educational requirements for credentials, it does not grant a credential to anyone. Those desiring to pursue credentials need to request an application packet from the Iowa Ministry Network.

In addition to credential education, ISOM is a great resource for continuing education for those already possessing a credential, as well as equipping lay people for more effective ministry. Added to the life of the local church, ISOM can be a great discipleship tool as well!

Hundreds of students have already found ISOM to be the answer for fitting quality ministry training into their existing life schedule. Consider the benefits:

- Convenience
- Perspectives and questions shared in a classroom filled with students who have years of experience with churches and ministry in the same district
- Networking opportunities with district leaders and fellow ministers
- Motivation to complete coursework in time for scheduled dates
- Transferable class credits across district lines
- Training by educated and experienced church leaders
- Affordability

To become an ISOM student, please complete an enrollment form (pastor's signature and one time \$25 application fee required), and mail it along with your first class registration form and fees to the IMN office.

Following are the educational requirements for those seeking a credential with the Assemblies of God:

Certified Minister:

Intro. to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible
Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine
Christ in the Synoptic Gospels
Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians & Philemon
Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers
The Local Church in Evangelism
Assemblies of God History, Missions and Governance
Relationships and Ethics in Ministry
Beginning Internship

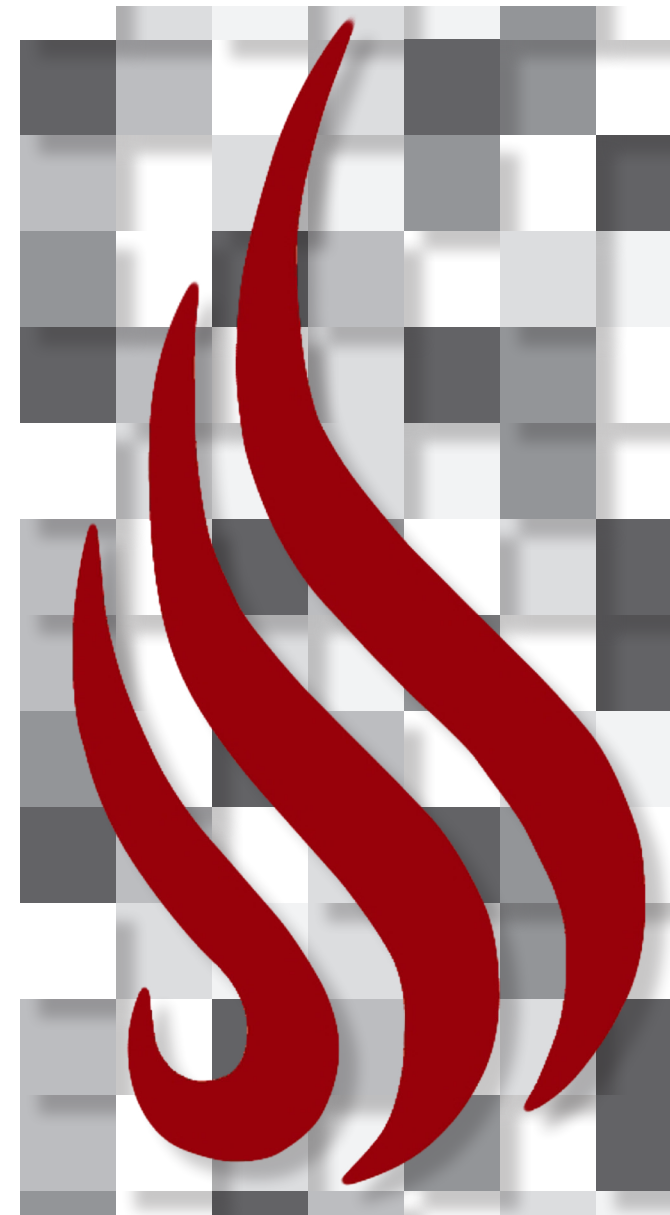
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Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective
New Testament Survey
Old Testament Survey
Romans, Justification by Faith
Introduction to Homiletics
Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come
Leadership Skills
Conflict Management
Introduction to AG Missions
Intermediate Internship

Ordained:

Prayer and Worship
The Corinthian Correspondence
The Poetic Books
The Pentateuch
Preaching in Cultural Context
Church Administration, Law and Finance
Apologetics: Understanding and Defending Your Faith
Pastoral Ministry
Advanced Internship

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Fellowship! Relationship Building! Ministry Equipping! Mentoring! Welcome to the Iowa School of Ministry! ISOM participants testify to the quality of instruction, the strength of the relationships that develop, and the touch of God in the classroom. The only way to understand what ISOM is all about is to experience it!

ISOM is a great tool for those going into vocational ministry, as well as for those in lay ministry who want to develop and strengthen their ministry skills. ISOM is also a great resource for those who are looking for continuing educational opportunities. The heart and passion of the ISOM team is best captured by 1 Timothy 2:15 (NIV), "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

We'd love to have you join us on this great adventure!



Gary Pilcher
ISOM President



Date	Classes offered		
October 7-8, 2011	Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine	Introduction to Homiletics	Prayer and Worship
November 4-5, 2011	A/G History, Missions & Governance	Eschatology	Apologetics: Understanding and Defending your Faith
December 2-3, 2011	Local Church in Evangelism	Introduction to Missions	Church & Minister Tax & Finance
January 6-7, 2012	Introduction to Hermeneutics	Romans	Pastoral Ministry
February 3-4, 2012	Relationships and Ethics	New Testament Survey	Pentateuch
March 2-3, 2012	Acts	Introduction to Theology	1 & 2 Corinthians
May 18-19, 2012	A/G History, Missions & Governance	Conflict Management	Church Admin, Law & Finance
June 22-23, 2012	Prison Epistles	Old Testament Survey	Poetic Books
August 24-25, 2012	Christ in the Synoptic Gospels	Leadership Skills	Preaching in Cultural Context