



Grace Communion Seminary

Consumer Information Disclosure¹

General Information

1. Name of Institution: Grace Communion Seminary
2. Address: PO Box 5005, 2011 E. Financial Way, Glendora, CA 91740
3. Year Founded: 2003²
4. CEO/President: Russell Duke, PhD
5. Accreditation Status: currently applying with Distance Education and Training Council, www.detc.org. To contact DETC, email Brianna@detc.org.
6. State Approval and E-mail Contact Information: As a church-related school serving primarily the members of the supporting church, GCS is authorized by the state of California, Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education to function as an institution with religious exemption. To contact BPPE, email bppe@dca.ca.gov.
7. Participation in Funding Programs (G.I. Bill, DANTES, Title IV, etc.): None.

Mission & Description

1. Institution Mission Statement: “*Equipping the Saints for Pastoral Ministry.*” We are committed to equip the saints for pastoral ministry through graduate-level distance education programs in biblical, theological, ministerial and pastoral studies informed by Trinitarian Incarnational faith.
2. Areas of Special Focus: Trinitarian theology and pastoral practice.
3. Description of Institution: Grace Communion Seminary is an

¹ The Distance Education and Training Council requires this form to be used by all institutions accredited by DETC. We are applying for accreditation, but we are not accredited right now. We have adapted this form slightly to present the information in a format that makes it easier to compare one institution with another.

² Our legal entity is Ambassador College, a California non-profit religious corporation, founded in 1951. We began offering graduate classes in 2003, and began doing business with the name Grace Communion Seminary starting in 2007.

educational institution sponsored by Grace Communion International. We offer training in biblical studies, theology, church history, and pastoral practice. We provide courses and programs that meet traditional graduate academic standards, but are designed to suit the needs of bivocational pastors who can study only on a part-time basis. Our programs also allow fulltime students to progress at a traditional pace. Our tuition is low, so we do not offer any financial aid or any assistance in looking for employment or placement. Our courses are designed to make students more effective in ministry, not to get them a new job.

4. Student demographic profile: A majority of our students are American pastors of Grace Communion International. We also have a contingent of younger, emerging leaders who are interesting in learning more about ministry from a Trinitarian theological foundation. More than 10 percent of our active students are women. Almost all of our students are part-time students.
5. Courses/Programs/Degrees: We offer only one degree: a Master of Pastoral Studies. As stepping-stones toward that degree, we also offer a four-course Certificate of Theological Studies (CTS) and a seven-course Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry (ADCM). All new students are enrolled in the Master's Level Courses program, in which they may take classes as desired.
6. Average Program Tuition/Cost per Credit Hour: All our courses carry three semester units of credit. The tuition cost per hour is \$75; each course costs \$225, plus about \$50 for textbooks. GCS does not sell any textbooks – they must be obtained elsewhere.
 - A student can complete the Certificate of Theological Studies with a cost of about \$940, plus about \$200 for books.
 - A student can complete the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry for about \$1615, plus about \$350 for books.
 - A student can complete the Master of Pastoral Studies degree for about \$3190, plus about \$700 for books. A full-time student can complete the degree in two years.
 - These costs are accurate as of spring semester 2012. Costs in subsequent semesters may be different.

Success Indicators

1. Average Completion/Graduation Rate for Students:

- Course completion rate: 95 percent. During the past year, of those who registered for a course, 95 percent completed it.
- Program completion rate, CTS: 76 percent. Students are admitted to this program when they register for their fourth course. Over the past year, 34 students did so, and 26 of them completed the requirements for the CTS. Most of the others elected to take a course that was not part of the CTS requirements.
 - Of students who have completed the CTS, most take three or more years to do so; this illustrates that fact that many of our students take only one course per year.
- Program completion rate, ADCM: 79 percent. Students are admitted to this program when they register for their seventh course. During the past year, 19 did so, and 15 of them completed all the requirements for the ADCM.
 - Since about half of our students take only one course per year, the average length of time for completing the ADCM is 4.8 years.
- Program completion rate, MPS: Since almost all our students are studying part-time, and we began offering classes in 2003, and 14 courses are required for graduation, we have not yet had any graduates. Seven students are now in their final class.

2. Percentage of students surveyed³ who responded that they—

- a. achieved their learning goals: 98%
- b. would recommend the institution to a friend: 99%
- c. were satisfied with their studies: 100%

³ All institutions accredited by DETC are required to ask these three questions in surveys of their students.