

LEAD Vision & Purpose

L.E.A.D. (Leadership Enrichment And Development) serves the Canadian Foursquare Church by enriching current leaders and developing emerging leaders through formal and informal educational opportunities. Our assignment is to make leadership training attainable, available, and affordable.

If the Canadian Foursquare Church is to become a leading denomination in Canada and if our pastors are to become credible leaders in their communities, we must embrace ministerial education personally and promote it within our churches. This is a necessary response to the increased sophistication of our society and to the never-ending struggle to maintain the church's significance and influence in an educated and demanding culture.

LEAD aspires to make ongoing gains toward a FGCC culture that fully embraces the value and scope of ministerial education. Our vision for the future is "Passionate Faith together with Intellectual Excellence" for all our FGCC ministers.

The Foursquare Ministerial Diploma (FMD) is the means by which ministerial education is pursued at a foundational level, and it has become the minimum educational standard for licensed ministers within FGCC since July 2007.

Foursquare Ministerial Diploma (FMD) And Bachelor of Theology

The following is a three stage program that outlines the basic requirements for the FGCC Ministerial Diploma and guides the candidate to the completion of a Bachelor of Theology degree from PLBC.

Stage 1 - Requirements for completing the FGCC Ministerial Diploma (FMD)

Course	Credits	
CAMPUS		DISTANCE EDUCATION
TH101 Survey of Christian Beliefs	3	TH101E Survey of Christian Beliefs
OT102 Old Testament Survey	2	OT103E Old Testament Survey
NT103 New Testament Survey	2	NT103E New Testament Survey
PT230 Introduction to Hermeneutics	3	PT230E Intro to Hermeneutics
PS317 Pastoral Ministry	3	PS317E Pastoral Ministry
CO345 Homiletics	3	CO347E Homiletics
PS412 Leadership Development 1	2	PS476E Leadership Development
PS413 Leadership Development 2	2	PS424E Servant Visionary Leadership
PS429 Church Leadership & Administration	3	PS429E Church Leadership & Admin
PS426 Church Administration	1	PS426E Church Administration
PS432 Foursquare Distinctives	2	PS432E Foursquare Distinctives
TH214 Concepts of the Church	2	TH214E Concepts of the Church
Elective or Seminar Credits (including CRI)	4	Elective or Seminar Credits
Total Credits	<u>32</u>	

The successful completion of the above program of studies, while earning a GPA of 2.00 or higher, does earn the student an FGCC Ministerial Diploma. It also satisfies the minimum educational qualifications for pastors applying for a license with the Foursquare Gospel Church of Canada. It should be noted that other criteria are also evaluated at the time of licensing and that the educational component alone does not guarantee a license will be awarded.

Optional BTh. Degree

The Foursquare Ministerial Diploma is also the first year of PLBC’s Leaders Track Program. After the successful completion of the FMD and acceptance into Leaders Track, a Foursquare pastor can earn a Bachelor of Theology with another 32 credits of advanced studies (see Stage Three).

Stage 2 - Application and approval for the PLBC Leaders Track Program

Leaders Track is a fast track program which offers credit for ministry experience. This B.Th. program provides advanced leadership development for mature students who may lack academic background, but who have demonstrated leadership qualities, Bible study disciplines, spiritual gifting, and proven ministry skills. At PLBC, these qualities are considered evidence of practical learning, so students who meet the program requirements are awarded advanced standing toward earning a Bachelor of Theology degree. The qualifying applicant must be 30 years of age or older, be a high school graduate (or equivalent) and have at least 5 years of full-time church leadership experience (or 5000 hours in lay leadership). Some approved Bible College courses may be transferable. No practicum credits will be awarded in this program. Please note that there are special application procedures for this program, which includes an advanced Bible Knowledge Exam, an English Proficiency Exam, and an evaluation by the Academic Review Group.

Stage 3 - Requirements for completing the Bachelor of Theology

Course	Credits	
CAMPUS		DISTANCE EDUCATION
OT110 Pentateuch	3	OT110E Pentateuch
NT111 Synoptic Gospels	3	NT111E Synoptic Gospels
TH114 Holy Spirit	2	TH233E Holy Spirit
NT209 Acts	2/3	NT209E Acts
TH210 Systematic Theology 1	3	TH210E Systematic Theology 1
TH211 Systematic Theology 2	3	TH211E Systematic Theology 2
TH214 Concepts of the Church	2	TH214E Concepts of the Church
GS421 History of Christianity 1	3	GS423E History of Christianity 1
GS422 History of Christianity 2	3	GS424E History of Christianity 2
GS430 Philosophy of Ministry	3	GS430E Philosophy of Ministry
Elective or Seminar Credits (incl. Personal Rnwl.)	5/4	
Total Credits	32	

This B.Th. track is available to students through campus studies and/or distance education courses.