

Hispanic Ministry Field Education Certificate

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, _____ intend to pursue the Hispanic Ministry Field Education Certificate.

Student's Signature

Date

I have discussed with the above student the following requirements that he will have to fulfill in order to receive the Hispanic Ministry Field Education Certificate.

Academic Dean

Date

Prerequisites

Two semesters (6 credits) of elementary Spanish

- Fulfilled at the Josephinum or by transfer credits or placement tests.
- 1st or 2nd year Theology

Specification: Theologians who have not taken any Spanish courses may take Spanish 141 and 142 at the Josephinum to fulfill this requirement. Those who have had some Spanish may take the Spanish I and II placement tests. Six elementary Spanish credits earned with a grade of "C" or higher at another college or university will be accepted as transfer credits.

One semester (3 credits) of intermediate Spanish

- Fulfilled at the Josephinum or by transfer credits, a placement test, or by a Hispanic program abroad.
- 2nd or 3rd year Theology

Specification: Theologians who have six credits in elementary Spanish may take one semester of Spanish 241 at the Josephinum, take the Spanish III placement test, or study abroad in a Hispanic country to fulfill this requirement. Three intermediate Spanish credits earned with a grade of "C" or higher at another college or university will be accepted as transfer credits.

Requirements

One semester of Advanced Pastoral Spanish (3 credits)

- Must be taken at the Josephinum.
- 2nd or 3rd year Theology fall semester
- Check below for:
___ Exception
___ Exemption
If Exception or Exemption is checked, please explain:

- Exceptions may be made for seminarians who have taken a course with very similar content elsewhere. Acceptance is determined on a case-specific basis.
- Exemptions may be given to native Spanish speakers who are also conversant in English, as decided by the instructor.

Specification: Theologians with credits in Elementary Spanish I and II and Intermediate Spanish or who have passed Spanish I-III placement tests are eligible to take this course, which will be taught mostly in Spanish. The course consists of grammar-review, on-the-spot translation from Spanish to English and English to Spanish, composition, and oral presentations.

One summer immersion at a U.S. Hispanic parish or in a Hispanic country

- Summer after 2nd or 3rd year of Theology

Specification: The director of vocations or bishop of each diocese will decide and arrange where the seminarians will be placed for immersion experience, which may be in the United States or in a Hispanic country. There are ample opportunities for immersion in Hispanic parishes or parish communities in the United States, including opportunities in the Columbus diocese. The Josephinum will assist in the choice of an immersion program, if requested.

One year of apostolic field work

- Performed in a Hispanic parish or parish community

Specification: There are many opportunities for apostolic work in the Hispanic communities of the Diocese of Columbus.

Hispanic Ministry I (2 credits)

- Sacraments and popular religiosity
- Fall semester, 3rd year or fall semester, 4th year Theology

Specification: This course will be conducted by a bilingual priest in weekly two-hour practicum classes. Students will learn to celebrate Hispanic baptisms, quinceañeras, and weddings, and perform funeral rites outside of Mass. They will also write and deliver homilies in Spanish once per week.

Hispanic Ministry II (2 credits)

- Sacraments, confessions, family and prison ministry
- Spring semester, 3rd year or spring semester, 4th year Theology

Specification: This course will be conducted by a bilingual priest in weekly two-hour practicum classes. Students will practice celebrating Mass, administering the sacraments, and hearing confessions from Hispanic parishioners who volunteer their time to simulate real-life situations. They will also write and deliver homilies in Spanish once per week.

Diaconal Assignment

- 4th year Theology or summer prior to 4th year Theology

Specification: Deacons will be assigned to a bilingual parish, in order to learn how to minister to the cross-cultural needs of such a community. Insofar as it is possible, an effort will be made to encourage participants to engage in catechesis or preach in the Spanish language at least once per month.