

## SMBA Ministry Certificate Program for Youth and Children's Ministry

The Ministry Certificate Program is designed to be completed in a one-year time frame spanning from August 2025 to July 2026. The program will consist of video and independent learning, cohorts with other students, intensives on five Saturday mornings, and intentional mentorships with two different mentors and churches serving in the field of your equipping. Below are details as to how the program will be administered for 2025-2026.

### Academic Calendar

August 1 Orientation

#### Course Learning

August 11 – October 29 Semester 1  
Old Testament and Experiencing God

November 3 – December 18 Semester 2  
Hermeneutics and Ministry Foundations for your Field

January 5 – March 26 Semester 3  
New Testament & Preaching/Teaching

March 30 – June 19 Semester 4  
Systematic Theology

June 22 – July 31 Semester 5  
Counseling

#### Intensives

Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch is included.

September	Priorities for Ministry
November	Your Ministry Field
February	Your Ministry Field
May	Preaching/Teaching Lab
July	Your Ministry Field

#### Mentorship

Mentorship 101 March 30 – May 29

Mentorship 201 June 1 – July 31

**Total Cost of Certificate: \$1,000 paid in full**

#### **Options for Payment Plan**

Quarterly	\$275 per payment	Aug 1, Nov 1, Jan 1, Apr 1	Total Cost \$1,100
Monthly	\$100 per payment	Due first of month Aug – Jul	Total Cost \$1,200

**Books are an additional expense the student will need to cover.**