

Colorado Theological Seminary Offers Online Theology Degrees

Colorado Theological Seminary provides affordable, flexible biblical education and ministry training fully online for Christians across the United States.

UNITED STATES, CO, UNITED STATES, August 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Colorado Theological Seminary (CTS), a state-authorized online Christian seminary based in Colorado, is highlighting its full range of educational programs designed to help believers, pastors, and ministry leaders pursue theology degrees in the United States without leaving home. The seminary offers certificate, undergraduate, graduate, and master's and

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doctoral programs delivered entirely online at a self-paced format, making formal theological training available to a wide range of adult learners regardless of location or schedule.

CTS has been serving the kingdom since 1999, building on roots that go back to a Bible college opened in Wheat Ridge, Colorado in the latter part of 1996. The seminary was founded through the shared vision of two families: Dr. Del and Lena Chapman, who had been pastoring Church of the Cross in Wheat Ridge for about twenty-six years, and Dr. Gary and Helen Tryzbiak, who completed their own seminary training in Florida before relocating to Longmont, Colorado with a goal of delivering biblical education online. Together, these four founders combined decades of pastoral experience and a commitment to making ministry training accessible to students who cannot attend a traditional campus.

The seminary describes itself as "the seminary without walls," a phrase that captures its core approach. Students study from anywhere in the world through structured pathways that lead to certificates and diplomas. Programs are designed specifically for adult learners who are balancing ministry responsibilities, work, and family life. The self-paced model means students advance through coursework on their own schedule, removing one of the most common barriers people face when considering seminary education.

CTS offers programs across several areas of study, including biblical studies, evangelism, leadership, ministry, and counseling. Students can pursue personal enrichment courses for non-degree learning, or they can work toward certificates, undergraduate degrees, and graduate-level credentials including master's and doctoral programs. Christian counseling is offered in partnership with the National Christian Counselors Association, which CTS identifies as the

largest educational and training association of Christian counselors in the world. CTS holds Certified Academic Institution status with the NCCA, recognizing the organization's counseling curriculum.

Pastoral training is another central focus of the seminary's offerings. The curriculum is designed to prepare pastors, chaplains, and ministry volunteers for real-world ministry application rather than purely academic study. Every course is grounded in Scripture and developed with practical ministry preparation in mind. CTS has also partnered with the National Conservative Christian Church to offer students and graduates a ministerial credentialing, church covering, and accountability program, giving graduates a pathway to formal ministry recognition after completing their studies.

Affordability is a defining feature of the seminary's model. CTS reports an average tuition of \$114.50 per credit hour, a figure that stands in clear contrast to traditional seminary programs that often carry significantly higher costs. The seminary has chosen to remain outside the traditional accreditation system, a decision it attributes to financial and biblical integrity reasons. CTS operates under Colorado's Degree Authorization Act, which authorizes the institution to operate and issue degrees in the state of Colorado. The seminary is also a sustaining member of the Florida Council of Private Colleges and the Council of Private Colleges of America, organizations whose stated purpose is to promote quality faith-based education.

The seminary's target audience includes a broad range of individuals within the Christian community. Adult learners seeking deeper biblical understanding, pastors who want formal training to complement their ministry experience, chaplains serving in various settings, ministry volunteers who want a stronger theological foundation, and believers who want to grow in their knowledge of Scripture are all cited as people the seminary is designed to serve. The program structure acknowledges that many of these individuals have full lives outside of school and need a format that fits around existing responsibilities rather than requiring them to reorganize their lives to pursue education.

Student voices captured on the seminary's website reflect experiences across different program levels and backgrounds. Kathleen Martinez, a graduate who earned a Doctor of Biblical Studies, noted that the schedule is flexible. James Wilson, who holds a Master of Arts in Clinical Pastoral Counseling, said he has seen great returns on his investment in the education and training. Chaplain Major Zebulon E. Beck of the United States Air Force, who earned a Doctor of Ministry, described it as an excellent learning opportunity. Anderson Rodrigues de Miranda, who holds a Master of Arts, said the program impressed him with the seriousness and depth of its materials. These accounts, provided directly on the seminary's website, reflect the range of students who have completed programs at CTS, from military chaplains to international students to working ministry leaders.

Colorado Theological Seminary continues to provide a Scripture-centered path for Christians who want to pursue theological education on their own terms. Its combination of online delivery,

self-paced scheduling, low per-credit-hour tuition, and ministry-focused curriculum serves as an option for anyone in the United States seeking formal biblical training outside the traditional campus model.

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