



Purpose:

To provide a 12-month theological and practical training program for those in Student Ministry within the local church.

Who:

All eligible Student Ministry Directors, Student Ministry staff, or Student Ministry volunteers who are currently serving in the local church.

Requirements for Acceptance in Certification Program:

1. Have worked or volunteered in a specific role within the Student Ministry for at least 6 months.
2. Complete application process and be accepted by CDM Staff.
3. Approval by applicant's current church Pastor or supervisor.

Cost of One-Year Program: \$1800 for the year

This covers webinars, training resources, and the registration cost of two CDM NextGen Conferences.

Books, conference travel, lodging, and some meals are not covered in this cost.

General Requirements for Certification:

- Complete monthly webinars and assigned training
- MUST attend 1 monthly online, in-person meetings
- Complete corresponding assignments
- Complete assigned reading(s) and written summaries

- ALL assignments for a given month must be completed within 2 weeks after the online meeting; exceptions allowed at coach's discretion
- Attend the annual CDM NextGen Student Ministry Conferences
- Complete final project that is to be presented at your 2nd NextGen conference
- Have 1 mentor throughout the course of the year (info below)

Mentor Requirements:

- Must be a member of your church and actively involved in ministry leadership
- Commit to your mentee for the entire length of the program (1 year).
- Commit to pray for mentee on a consistent basis
- Commit to meet in person with your mentee for a minimum of 1 hour each month. At your meetings include:
 - Prayer and encouragement
 - Discussion of learning topics and how they can be practically applied
 - Touch base on your month's assignment(s)/project(s)
 - Commit to fill out a one-page survey following each meeting
- Commit to be on the final review team for your mentee (as needed)

For questions about mentor responsibilities contact CDM, cdm.sm.certification@pcanet.org

Time Expectation:

Each month of the program will be a little different, but our expectation is that you would spend a minimum of 10 hours a month working on the certification.

Grading System:

Each month the mentor from your church will fill out a 1-page evaluation report after the monthly meeting. These reports will be used in the overall review of the year.

Each coach will provide feedback on their respective assignments on a pass/fail basis.

Completion of Certification Program:

The Student Ministry Certification Program will go from September through October of the following year (13 months). All webinars and assignments must be completed according to the timeline of the NextGen Certification Program.

There will be a review team made up of the student's mentor, as well as a designated person from the CDM team who will be reviewing all assignments and participation for each student. Each student must complete assignments to the best of their ability and on time. All students must participate in the full year of webinars and course work in order to receive their Certificate of Training at the end of the year. The review team will make the final decision if the student passes the certification training.

Once a student passes the 12 months of certification training, they will receive an official Certificate of Training in Student Ministry from the PCA denomination.

Graduation:

Once a student has received a Certificate of Training, CDM will contact their home church and will provide a program template to be used as a model for celebrating the graduate.

The Committee on Discipleship Ministries will recognize all participants at the NextGen Conference in the fall following completion of the program. This will be CDM's official graduation ceremony.