

## Making an Impact in Congregations

### Wesley Theological Seminary: Heal the Sick Program

Spring 2020 Online Health Minister Certificate



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Wesley Theological Seminary's Heal the Sick program is pleased to announce that its **online registration for the Spring 2020 Online Health Minister Certificate is open now**. The health minister certificate seeks to equip and prepare people for whole-person health ministry in their congregations and community. Wesley Theological Seminary is the national health ministry educational provider for the General Board of Global Ministries' Abundant Health program. Global Ministries has provided Wesley Theological Seminary with a limited number of health minister certificate scholarships so that United Methodists can equip and prepare themselves for this vital ministry.

Preaching, teaching and healing are core aspects of the church's mission in the world. Today, the church's active engagement in its health and healing mission is often overlooked. In the biomedical model of health, health care practitioners who treat the physical body have become associated mostly with the role of health and healing.

Recent scientific research has shown that spirituality plays an important factor in shaping and maintaining health. This research has renewed interest in the church's role in individual and communal health. Today, the church is reflecting on this research and its core mission. Churches and their

members are seeking ways to reclaim their missional role in fostering health and healing through formal, organized health ministries.

Clergy, deacons, lay people, social justice advocates, artists, health navigators, wellness coaches, public health workers, social workers and others are taking on the role of becoming health ministers to help their congregations and communities reconnect to the rich faith and health tradition of the church. Some faith communities may already engage in some form of whole-person health ministry through social justice work or volunteer visitation. Some faith communities build on these current ministries or develop new ministries so that they include whole-person health.

Wesley Theological Seminary offers the 22-hour health minister certificate education program to teach people about the foundations of contemporary whole-person health ministry and how to implement it in their congregation and community. The certificate covers minister self-care, assessing community and congregational assets, and developing a plan for action. Wesley Theological Seminary invites you to join the health ministry movement!

Sincerely,

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**Online Health Minister Certificate Course Dates: January 26, 2020 - April 4, 2020**

Registration Deadline is January 8, 2020.

**LEARNING FORMAT:**

- **10 Weekly online-learning modules**
- **Each module is 1 ½ hours - 2 ½ hours**
- **Online Orientation – Jan. 19-25, 2020**
- **22 contact hours for entire certificate**
- **Webinars offered for enhanced learning**

**TUITION COST:**

- **\$475 per person (maximum of 30 people)**
- **\$25 Nonrefundable registration fee**
- **A limited number of scholarships are available**

To register for the upcoming online certificate, please click on the following direct link:

[https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/heal-the-sick/hts\\_registration\\_spring\\_2020/](https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/ice/programs/heal-the-sick/hts_registration_spring_2020/)