

# Winter/Spring 2026 CSS PMA Education Course Options

Color-coded offerings available at the following ministries and schools on the dates listed below:

**Bishop Kemper School for Ministry**      **Select Learning (ELCA)**

**Central States Synod**      **Central Southern Illinois Synod**

Topic	Course	January	February	March	April	May	June	
		<i>Christian Caregiving/Pastoral Care</i> <i>Ethics from a Lutheran Perspective</i> <b>Christian Ethics</b> <b>Forms of Christian Ethics</b> <i>Lutheran Worship</i> <i>Lutheran Confessions/Theology</i> <i>Old Testament</i> <b>Introduction to the Old Testament</b> <i>New Testament</i> <b>Introduction to the New Testament</b> <b>New Testament</b> <i>Preaching</i> <b>Introduction to Preaching</b> <b>Preaching 1</b> <i>Church History (required elective category)</i> <b>Christian History 1</b> <b>Christian History 2</b> <b>Christian History Survey</b>						
Core Courses		<----- Nothing currently offered; contact Pastor Adam for options.						
		Jan. 10-11		Feb. 14-15				
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		January - early April						
						prospective, Sep.-Dec. -->		
		Jan. 24, 31; Feb. 7, 21, 28; March 7						
						May 9-10		
		January - early April						
						Apr. 11-12		
			Jan. 10-11		Feb. 14-15		Apr. 11-12	
Elective Courses	<i>Theology</i>							
		January - early April				Apr 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16		
	<i>Preaching Electives</i>							
	<i>Faith Formation, Spirituality, &amp; Christian Ed.</i>							
	<b>Contemporary Catechumenate</b>							Mar. 14-15
	<i>Biblical Study Electives</i>							
	<i>Social Justice &amp; Evangelism</i>							
	<b>Social Ministry 2 (SM 1 prerequisite)</b>							Mar. 14-15
<b>Diversity, Justice &amp; the Church's Mission</b>							May 9-10	

- Notes:**
- Courses not listed above may not count for credit toward a PMA certification.
  - Please contact Pr. Adam Wutka, CSS Director of Lay Ministry to discuss other course options.
  - Required reading for the Bishop Kemper School courses should be completed (average 350 pages) **before** the scheduled weekend. Also, while it is possible to attend the focus weekend courses online, the in person experience on campus in Topeka, KS is highly recommended. Lodging is included.

## Lay Ministry/PMA Ministries and Schools recognized by the PMA Team of the Central States Synod

- Select Learning** (online)
- Bp. Kemper Sch. for Min.** (in-person or Zoom)
- Central States Synod**
- Central Southern Illinois Synod** (mostly online)

<https://www.selectlearning.org/category/Online%20Courses>  
<https://www.bishopkemperschool.org/focus-weekends.html>  
 contact Pastor Adam - [pastoradamtlbwy@gmail.com](mailto:pastoradamtlbwy@gmail.com)  
 (see Adult Faith Formation) <https://www.csis-elca.org/>