

Certification in CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It's ideal for those who:

- Lead the Children's Ministry in local congregations
- Are interested in a lifetime commitment to ministering to children and their families
- Are not seminary graduates
- Are seminary graduates who now want to specialize in Children's Ministry
- Are considering a seminary degree

Certification requirements:

To receive certification, participants must complete five courses over two weekends at the Virginia Baptist Resource Center in Richmond, VA and an 80-hour practicum at their local churches. One two-part course is offered each semester. Classes begin on a Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and conclude on Saturday at noon for the two weekends. Participants receive two semester hours of credit that may be applied toward a seminary degree at the John Leland Center for Theological Studies. The certification is awarded by the Virginia Baptist Mission Board.

Courses:

- Connecting Children, Families and the Church—Fall 2009
- Exploring the Biblical and Theological Foundations for Children's Ministry—Spring 2010
- Teaching Preschoolers—Fall 2010
- Teaching Children—Spring 2011
- Minister of Childhood Education—Fall 2011



Cost:

Course tuition is \$350, which covers both sessions.

Books and lodging (2 nights) are additional. Discounted lodging is conveniently located near the Virginia Baptist Resource Center.

For course details and to register, visit
www.vbmb.org/emergingleaders/children/childrenscertification.htm.

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