

CHURCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE of Western Pennsylvania ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

Student Ministries Track

Persons who desire to enroll in the Church Leadership Institute seeking credit toward the Certified Lay Minister preparation program must meet the following criteria:

1. Be at least 20 years of age.
2. Be a high school graduate or the equivalent.
3. Be an active member of an American Baptist church within the participating Associations of Pennsylvania and Delaware.
4. Submit three letters of recommendation:
 - a) One letter from the pastor of the supporting church
 - b) Two personal references (no more than one from a relative) commenting on the applicant's fitness for Youth ministry.
5. The formation of a Youth Evaluation Team (YET) by October 1, 2007 (More detail about the YET and its' role will be given at the first weekend (Theology of Youth Ministry)
6. Student will provide the Church Leadership Institute a background check including both a criminal records report and a child abuse/protection record. These records will be acquired by and paid for by the student and required no later than October 1, 2007.

Students who meet these requirements and are accepted into the Institute must make note of the fact that the CLI does not certify persons for ministry. Completion of studies does not guarantee a student will be certified nor placed in a pastoral position in a church.

Personal Enrichment Entrance Requirements

In order to be able to benefit from and participate fully in the courses offered, it is suggested that the personal enrichment student who is only taking a few selected courses meet the following minimum standards: Be at least 20 years of age and have a high school diploma or the equivalent. If a personal enrichment student later wishes to transfer to a certificate program, he/she shall meet the enrollment criteria for that program at that time. All applicable fees for the new program shall apply at the rate published at the time of transfer.