

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Theological Seminary

Welcome to Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Theological Seminary. Our mission is to provide high quality, affordable, and easily accessible higher education to those who live in or visit coastal South Carolina and to people around the world through our distance education program. The college will begin offering online courses and campus based instruction beginning in September of 2017.

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College will initially offer one undergraduate degree, an Associate of Community Leadership when the college program begins in the fall. Pilgrim Theological Seminary currently offers a Bachelor of Divinity (B.Div.) degree. Courses taken through college and the seminary are inter-transferable. The seminary's first graduate program is projected to begin in the fall of 2018, with the exception of some initial cohorts starting in the fall of this year.

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Theological Seminary was incorporated in South Carolina in 2009 as a non-profit institution with the primary purpose of preparing Christian leaders to serve the church and the world. As an institution that offers only religious and theological degrees, the college and seminary are exempt from oversight by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. The work of the college and seminary is overseen by a Board of Governors which is responsible for the institution's educational, operational, and fiscal integrity.

As a new college and seminary, we have considerable distance to travel before reaching many of our goals. Gaining full accreditation, a process which generally takes several years, is one of the highest priorities of our Board of Governors, as well as developing new and innovative educational programs to serve our students and the wider Christian community.

It takes four to five years for new institutions to become fully accredited. In order to protect our students who might wish to transfer credit during that period, and as a way to have third party validation concerning the quality of our courses, we plan to submit all of our courses for review to the American Council on Education. After a course has been successfully reviewed by an independent review team of college and university professors selected by ACE, the course receives a recommendation for college credit. More than 2,000 colleges around the country accept ACE credit recommendations.

Neither Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College nor Pilgrim Seminary discriminate on the basis of age, race, gender, color, national origin, marital status, economic condition, or place of residence.

Our Philosophical Roots



Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary is in many ways a continuation of the work begun in the late 1800's by Rev. John Heyl Vincent, a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was one of the earliest pioneers of what is today called distance education.

Bishop Vincent and several colleagues established the Chautauqua College of Liberal Arts and the Chautauqua School of Theology, allowing students to study in their own community through a rigorous program of directed self-study. He and Lewis Miller also founded Chautauqua Institution which still flourishes today in Western New York as a center for arts, religion, and culture.

We have built upon Bishop Vincent's belief that the opportunity for life-long education should be available to everyone. We believe that it is the right and duty of every individual to perfect their God given talents and to have access to the kind of education that will enable him or her to do so.

Furthermore, it is our belief that the door to higher education, especially Christian higher education, should be a wide open door. We reject the corrosive concept that higher education must be thought of as a high priced commodity to be bought and sold rather than as a precious inheritance that

one generation passes on to the next.

The times in which we live and the future vitality of the church and our nation demand that people everywhere have access to convenient and affordable higher education. Such opportunity must be available to all, not just to persons of means or to those unfortunate souls willing to be burdened by years of barely manageable debt at the end of their higher education experience.

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary is committed to providing high quality, inexpensive higher education to as many people as possible. It is our belief that a person should be limited in the pursuit of higher education only by their desire and ability. We encourage men and women everywhere to take part in our program.

Now, just a word about higher education in Christian perspective. All higher education builds from a foundation of certain core concepts. For example, consider the question, "Does God exist?" And if so, what is that God like and how does God relate to us and we to God? How one answers these basic questions makes a tremendous difference in ones understanding of humanity, the world, and our human relationships. Christians, of course, believe in a personal God who has revealed himself to us in the natural world, through the Bible, and through Jesus Christ. This core belief is the foundation of any program of Christian higher education.

This orientation does not mean that every course in a Christian college is a Bible course. It is not. But we do aspire to help our students looking through a microscope or telescope to also see God, or when listening to a symphony appreciate the inherent beauty of harmony, or when walking through a forest or spending a day at the beach remember the One who created our world. The college seeks to help our students realize that Christianity is not just a way of looking at certain things but a certain way of looking at everything.

Our College Program

Educational Goals

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College seeks to help our students:

- Develop a usable understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage of humanity through a study of the basic liberal arts subjects.
- Apply Christian principles to the pursuit of knowledge.
- Cultivate skills of communication in speaking and writing and an ability to evaluate what is communicated.
- Prepare for service to the church and world through certain intellectually-based vocations.
- Build a foundation for additional study in graduate and professional schools.
- Understand the core beliefs of the Christian faith and understand how to apply Christian principles to the problems of personal and social life.
- Provide opportunities for the development of skills and interests which will contribute, in college and in later life, to physical and mental health through the satisfying and constructive use of leisure time.
- Prepare students for active participation and leadership in a democratic society through learning and experience.
- Develop the ability to work with other people in a spirit of friendship and cooperation.
- Develop intelligent concern for the problems of the nation and the world.

Wesleyan College Degree Program

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College will initially offer one undergraduate degree, the Associate of Community Leadership. A Bachelor of Divinity (B. Div.) degree is offered through Pilgrim Seminary.

It is our belief that learning can be greatly enriched when done in relationship to others - "education in community" - as it is sometimes called. We support this concept and encourage our students to share their learning experiences through group study, discussions, and in other helpful ways. Many benefits come from a healthy and exchange of ideas and perspectives.

Local churches throughout the United States are invited to partner with the college to help meet the educational needs of their members and others in their ministry area. Local churches which are MBWC Educational Partners can organize discussion groups utilizing college study resources and administer examinations as part of the congregation's adult Christian Education program.

Associate of Community Leadership

The Associate of Community Leadership degree requires the successful completion of 66 credit hours. The curriculum has been designed to help academically prepare students to serve as servant leaders in the church, their community, and throughout the world and to provide a solid basis for further academic study. Of the 60 credit hours:

I. Twenty-one (21) credits are required from the following areas of study to fulfill the college's general education requirements for an Associate degree. These include:

- 1) Three credit hours in English Composition
- 2) Six credit hours in Science and Math (three credits each)
- 3) Three credit hours in Psychology
- 4) Three credit hours in Sociology
- 5) Three credit hours in American History or Government
- 6) Three credit hours in Communication

II. Fifteen (15) credit hours of Christian studies are required:

- 1) Three credits in Biblical Interpretation
- 2) Three credit hours in Old Testament
- 3) Three credit hours in New Testament
- 4) Three credit hours in Christian Theology
- 5) Three credit hours in Christian Ethics

III. In addition, students must complete or transfer a minimum of 24 credit hours of electives. To fulfill this requirement students can select the option of completing one of the concentrations listed below or by selecting courses from the college or seminary offerings.

Students who chose to do so can earn a Certificate in Business, Communication, Criminal Justice, Legal Studies, or Psychology without pursuing a degree by completing all of the courses in one of the following concentrations.

In **Business** if you are striving to educationally prepare yourself to assist churches or non-profit organizations with their needs for proper management, general administration, and planning. The following courses are required: Introduction to Business; Business Communication; Business Law; Management; Marketing; Organizational Behavior; Interpersonal Skills in Organizations; Managing Non-Profits; Fundraising for Non-Profits; and Business Ethics.

In **Communication** if you are striving to educationally prepare yourself to assist local churches or non-profit organizations with their need to articulate and communicate their message to their members and the wider community. The following courses are required: Introduction to

Communication; Public Speaking; Small Group Communication; Interpersonal Conflict; Interpersonal Communication; Intercultural Communication; Mass Communication; Interpersonal Skills in Organizations; and Public Relations or Advertising.

In ***Criminal Justice*** if you are striving to educationally prepare yourself for work in law enforcement, police or prison chaplaincy, or in other areas of ministry of service in criminal justice. The following courses are required: Introduction to Criminal Justice; Introduction to Law Enforcement; Ethics in Criminal Justice; Corrections; Organizational Behavior; Criminal Law; Criminal Investigation; Criminology; Juvenile Justice; and Restorative Leadership.

In ***Legal Studies*** if you are striving to educationally prepare yourself to assist attorneys or legal aid societies in service to the poor, those in need, or the disenfranchised. The following courses are required: Introduction to American Law; Legal Research; Legal Writing and Case Analysis; Legal Ethics; Constitutional Law; Business Law; Marriage and Family Law; Civil Procedure; Torts; and Criminal Law and Procedure.

In ***Psychology*** if you are preparing yourself work with Christian non-profit organizations or prepare for a graduate study in the field. The following courses are required: General Psychology; Human Growth and Development; Adolescence; Social Psychology; Organizational Behavior; Substance Abuse or Alcoholism; Encountering Death and Dying; Human Sexuality; Abnormal Psychology; and Introduction to Christian Counseling.

The Pilgrim Seminary Program

We are pleased to extend to you an invitation to pursue theological education through Pilgrim Theological Seminary. Our academic program is designed to help meet the educational needs of men and women who:

- Wish to develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith in order that they may become more committed and effective followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of his Church and the world.
- Wish to pursue theological study but who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to avail themselves of traditional campus-based programs.
- Wish to develop knowledge and skills conducive to full time service in the church, or in Christian charitable and social service organizations.
- Wish to develop specialized knowledge and skills in specific areas of study such as Christian education, evangelism, church planting, servant leadership, or other similar fields.
- Wish to develop knowledge and skills conducive to helping people ravaged by the difficulties of life rebuild their lives.
- Wish to take programs of study in theology to augment and inform their studies in other disciplines.
- Need a convenient and inexpensive way to continue their theological education.

The Seminary's Educational Goals

It is the seminary's goal that students who graduate from this institution will be able to:

- Evidence spiritual growth in their Christian faith.
- Model servant leadership in his or her own life and in relationship to others.
- Interpret Scripture accurately.
- Think and reason theologically.

- Articulate the truth of the Christian faith, especially in light of competing points of view.
- Understand and make use of the basic documents of faith found in the Scripture, creeds, and traditions of the Church.
- Communicate clearly, responsibly, and with integrity in written and oral forms.
- Lead in Christian worship with reverence and relevance.
- Develop biblical perspectives on current issues facing the Church and society.
- Care for and guide others as valued persons who are loved by God.
- Demonstrate competency to teach and lead others.
- Develop lifelong habits that nurture physical, mental and emotional well-being.
- Appreciate the importance of participating in civic life and volunteer service.
- Demonstrate competency in the essential skills and methods of their field of study to a professionally recognized standard.

Our Theological Foundations

All theological education programs are based upon certain core beliefs. Such beliefs influence the selection of faculty, the development and delivery of programs of study, and the overall educational mission of any institution of higher learning. Pilgrim Theological Seminary adheres to the historic beliefs of the Christian faith community found in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. The seminary's statement of theological foundations is as follows:

God - We believe in the one true, holy and living God, Eternal Spirit, who is Creator, Sovereign and Preserver of all things visible and invisible. He is infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness and love. His mercy is over all his works and his will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe that the one God reveals himself as the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, distinct but inseparable, eternally one in essence and power.

Jesus Christ - We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man, who is the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the basis for our hope, the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. In Christ the divine and human natures are perfectly and inseparably united. He is the eternal Word made flesh, the only begotten Son of the Father, who was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. As ministering Servant he lived, suffered and died on the cross. He was buried, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and will come again to Earth. He is the Savior and Mediator, who intercedes for us, and by him every person will be judged.

The Holy Spirit - We believe in the Holy Spirit who proceeds from and is one in being with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit convinces the world of sin, righteousness and judgment and leads men and women through their faithful response to the gospel into the fellowship of the Church. He comforts, sustains and empowers the faithful and guides us into all truth.

The Bible - We believe that the Bible, Old and New Testaments, reveals the Word of God so far as it is necessary for our salvation. It is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice. Whatever is not revealed in or established by the Holy Scriptures is not to be made an article of faith, nor is it to be taught as essential to salvation.

The Church - We believe that the Christian Church is an inclusive community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. It is the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is faithfully preached by those divinely called, and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the Church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, and the conversion and redemption of the world.

The Sacraments - We believe that the Sacraments, ordained by Christ, are symbols and pledges

of the Christian's profession of faith and of God's love toward us. They are means of grace by which God works invisibly in us, enlivening, strengthening and confirming our faith in him. We believe that the act of baptism signifies entrance into the household of faith. Baptism symbolizes repentance, inner cleansing from sin, new birth in Christ, and is a mark of Christian discipleship.

We believe that the Lord's Supper, or Eucharist, is a sign of our redemption, a memorial of the suffering and death of Christ, and a token of love and union that Christian's have with Christ and with one another. Those who rightly, worthily, and in faith participate in Holy Communion partake of the body and blood of Christ in a spiritual manner until he comes.

Reconciliation and Salvation through Christ - We believe humanity is fallen from righteousness and, apart from the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, is destitute of holiness and is inclined to evil. Unless a person has a spiritual change of heart, he or she cannot see the Kingdom of God.

We believe God was in Jesus Christ reconciling the world to himself. The offering Christ freely made on the cross is the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, redeeming humanity from all sin. We believe that salvation is a free gift of God's grace and is received through personal faith in Jesus Christ. In him all those who believe have eternal life, a perfect righteousness, adoption into the family of God, and the spiritual blessings needed for life.

Justification, Regeneration, and Sanctification - We believe that no person is accounted righteous before God through his or her good deeds or merit, but that those who are truly sorry for their sins and have faith in Jesus Christ are justified before God.

We believe that regeneration is the renewal of humanity in righteousness through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. By this new birth the believer becomes reconciled to God and is enabled to serve him with heart, soul, mind and strength. Although we have experienced regeneration, it is possible to fall into sin; yet, even then, we may be renewed in righteousness by the grace of God.

We believe that sanctification is the work of God's grace through the Word and the Spirit, by which those who have come to faith are cleansed from sin in their thoughts, words and deeds, are enabled to live in accordance with God's will, and to strive for holiness in their daily lives. We believe that this experience does not deliver us from the infirmities, ignorance and mistakes common to all men and women, or from the possibility of further sin.

Good Works - We believe that good works are the necessary fruits of faith that follow regeneration. They do not have the ability to remove our sins or to enable us to avert divine judgment. We believe that good works, which are pleasing and acceptable to God, spring from a true and living faith. Through and by our actions our faith is made evident.

Christian Marriage - We believe that Christian marriage is a holy union of one man and one woman in which they commit, with God's help, to build a loving, life-giving, faithful relationship that will last for a lifetime. We affirm the Christian ideal of chastity in singleness and fidelity in marriage.

The Judgment and the Future State - We believe all people stand under the righteous judgment of Jesus Christ, both now and in the last day. We believe in the resurrection of the dead; the righteous to life eternal and the wicked to condemnation.

Public Worship - We believe divine worship is the duty and privilege of humanity who, in the presence of God, bows in adoration, humility and dedication. We believe divine worship is essential to the life of the Church, and that the assembling of the people of God for such worship is necessary for Christian fellowship and spiritual growth. We believe the order of public worship need not be the same in all places but may be modified by the Church according to circumstances and the needs of the people.

The Seminary Degree Program

The Bachelor of Divinity (B. Div.) incorporates much of a traditional three year seminary graduate program into an undergraduate degree thus saving students time and money without

sacrificing the knowledge and skills necessary for effective ministry. The program seeks to offer excellent preparation for persons interested in pastoral ministry, missionary service, restorative leadership careers, and significant lay leadership responsibilities in the local church. The degree requires the successful completion of 126 credit hours. All of the courses in this degree are required.

Non- incarcerated degree-seeking students in the Bachelor of Divinity program are required to participate in four, one-week seminars in Myrtle Beach at various points in the degree program and complete a Capstone Project. (A separate procedure is used with incarcerated students). This project is determined by the student's individual interest and/or emphasis of study and must be approved by Pilgrim Seminary faculty. We strongly encourage all degree-seeking students to have a specific context for Christian service and a mentor with a theological degree and ministry experience.

The degree program is divided into seven Certificates of Study. A student must earn all seven Certificates, (see below), complete the math and science requirement, and complete the Capstone Project to earn the Bachelor of Divinity degree. For those who wish to do so, Certificates of Studies can be earned without pursuing a degree.

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Local churches are invited to partner with the seminary to help meet the educational needs of members and friends of the congregation. Congregations which are Pilgrim Seminary Educational Partners can organize discussion groups utilizing seminary study resources and administer examinations as part of the congregation's adult Christian Education program.

Bachelor of Divinity Required Courses

Studies in Psychology

General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Adolescence, Social Psychology, and Abnormal Psychology.

Studies in Communication

Written Communication, Introduction to Communication, Public Speaking, Interpersonal Communication, Intercultural Communication, and Organizational Communication

Studies in American Society

Sociology, Marriage and Family, Social Problems, Criminal Justice, American History and American Government.

Biblical Studies

Principles of Biblical Interpretation, Old Testament Studies I, Old Testament Studies II, The Gospels and Acts, and Pauline and General Epistles

Church History, Theology, and Ethics

Church History, Christian Theology I, Christian Theology II, Apologetics or Christian Philosophy, and Christian Ethics

The Church in Mission

Spiritual Formation, Christian Missions, Evangelism and Discipleship, Preaching and Worship, Church Health and Growth, and Church Administration.

Christian Caregiving and Counseling

Introduction to Christian Caregiving, Drugs and Society or Alcoholism, Encountering Death and Dying, Introduction to Christian Counseling, and Crisis Counseling or Disaster Ministry

Science and Math Requirement

Nine credit hours in Science and College Math (minimum of three credits in each including three credits in Human Anatomy and Disease. These courses may be transferred or credited by successfully passing a CLEP, DANTES, or another approved exam (see below).

Capstone Project

Degree Completion and Second Bachelor Degree Program

Students who have completed an Associate's degree (or an approximate number of credit hours plus church experience) are eligible to be admitted to a Bachelor of Divinity degree completion program. Students in the degree completion program will need to complete the following Certificates to earn a B.Div. degree: Biblical Studies; Church History, Theology, and Ethics; The Church in Mission; and Christian Caregiving and Counseling. A Capstone Project is also required. For those who already have a Bachelor degree in another field, one can earn a Bachelor of Divinity degree by completing the 60 credits of theological study listed above.

Our Educational Ministry with Prisoners

The Wesleyan tradition has a long history of ministry with men and women in prison. Some have said that the founders of Methodism, John and Charles Wesley, perhaps spent as much time at Newgate prison as they did at Aldersgate Church. John Wesley had a profound understanding of God's grace and spent his life proclaiming the good news of Christ to those who were often well outside the mainstream of society. Over the last two centuries Methodists have established hundreds of colleges and universities, many of which were founded to meet the needs of "common" people. Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary hope to continue this legacy of Christian service, especially among those who can most benefit from the blessings of higher education.

During 2017 the seminary will offer a Certificate in Biblical Studies to our incarcerated students. This is a 15 credit hour certificate which includes five courses: Principles of Biblical Interpretation; Old Testament I; Old Testament II; New Testament I and New Testament II. These courses are applicable to both the college and seminary degree programs.

General Institutional Policies

Earning Academic Credit

Academic credit is generally earned at Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary by passing subject specific proficiency examinations and occasionally through papers or projects. Because adult students learn in many different ways, our emphasis is not so much on how a person has learned something but on the student's ability to demonstrate his or her knowledge. The successful completion of an examination requires a minimum score of 70%.

A student receiving less than 70% on an examination is encouraged to engage in further study and take a second or, if necessary, subsequent exam. (A \$20 fee will apply). The college uses the following grading scale for all examinations.

Less than 70% = Incomplete (I); 71-80% = C; 81-90% = B; 91-100% = A

A record of a completed program of study is added to a student's academic record only when an examination has been successfully completed and all program of study requirements have been met. To ensure academic integrity, we require that all exams be taken at an authorized college or seminary Learning Center or, when necessary, be proctored by an adult unrelated to the student. A proctor must be a person of high moral character and be willing to oversee the taking of a series of exams. Paper exams are provided for incarcerated students.

Incarcerated students are reminded that in most prisons one must have permission to take college or correspondence courses. The college provides a form for students to have completed by an

appropriate prison official verifying that the student has permission to participate in the college / seminary program.

In some prisons the staff is not permitted to proctor exams. In this situation, an exam can sometimes be proctored by a non-family member on your visitors list, a prison volunteer, or another Christian prisoner. Please remember that individual proctors must be approved in advance.

Academic Integrity Policy

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary students are expected to maintain the highest standards of personal and academic honesty and integrity. The seminary will not tolerate academic dishonesty, plagiarism or cheating on exams. Should a student be found in violation of the academic integrity policy, he or she will be prohibited from taking additional courses and his or her entire academic record will carry a permanent notation of dismissal for academic dishonesty.

More Ways to Gain Academic Credit

In addition to programs of study offered by the college and seminary, credit towards an Associate or Bachelor degree can come from a variety of other sources. The college is willing to consider appropriate AP courses that have been successfully completed. Students may also transfer credits earned at accredited colleges, universities, or seminaries for which he or she received a grade of C or better.

We also accept a number of nationally recognized exams such as CLEP, DANTES, NOCTI, Excelsior College, and Thomas Edison College exams. We will consider appropriate programs of study that carry a recommendation for college credit from the American Council on Education or the National College Credit Recommendation Service. Credit may also be granted for work completed through the United Methodist Course of Study and other denominational sponsored programs.

Textbooks and Library Resources

Recommended textbooks for all of our courses are generally available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble (purchase or rent), and other retailers. Many of the textbooks we recommend are available as e-books which are often less expensive. As an Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College student you will also have access to customized e-books for some courses which include only those chapters related to the section of the course one is studying.

Library resources for our students are available through local and regional libraries. In addition, students who choose to do so can also access library resources online through Questia which charges a modest fee. Students are also reminded that there are thousands of free books online that have been posted by Goggle and other providers.

Admission Requirements

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary seeks to make higher education in Christian perspective available to as many people as possible. While a few of our courses are available to students who are still in high school, we strongly recommend that those who wish to enter our program as degree-seeking students will have already received a high school diploma or a GED. We do not require SAT or other standardized test scores for admission.

The relationships of the college and seminary, inclusive of the Board of Governors, administration, faculty and staff, and students are reflected in the Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary covenant. This short agreement, which everyone who wishes to participate in the college community must accept, helps guide and regulate our life together.

We the Board of Governors, administration, faculty, staff, and student body of Myrtle Beach

Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary promise to help one another:

- Honor God by our words and actions, aspiring to love our Creator with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength.
- Honor one another as children of God by treating others as we wish to be treated.
- Do what is right in the eyes of God, setting our minds upon those things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable, and whatever is excellent and praiseworthy.
- Mature in Christian love as we seek to remember that, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, and it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, nor does it keep a record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.”
- Support the mission of Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary by commitment to its ideals and helping to provide for its financial needs.

Tuition and Fees

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary seeks to make high quality post secondary education easily accessible and affordable. Our desire is that our students will not be burdened by significant debt at the end of their college experience. In order to keep our cost low, we invite donations from our students, their families, and others supportive of the college and seminary program. Additionally, the institution is dependent upon the generous contributions of churches, foundations, and course sponsors to help extend higher education in Christian perspective to as many people as possible.

The costs to participate in the program for the 2017-18 academic year are as follows:

1. There is an application fee of \$20.
2. Online students are requested to pay a fair share monthly participation fee of \$49. This fee entitles a student to take *online* courses that are currently being offered through Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College or Pilgrim Seminary. Our program has been designed with the idea that students will take one course at a time, progressing at their own speed. There is a three month time limitation on taking a course.
3. Students taking on campus courses are requested to pay a fair share monthly participation fee of \$69 per month.
4. Students who wish to receive academic credit are required to take proctored exams. Each exam that you take will cost \$20. There are usually three exams in a three credit course. Students taking one or two sections of a course will take only the exam for that section.
5. Students are reminded to consider the cost of acquiring textbooks when calculating their educational budget. When possible, we have selected textbooks that can be rented to minimize student cost.
6. **Incarcerated Students:** There is no application fee or other fees for incarcerated students based upon their lack of income and the availability of churches or individuals willing to be educational sponsors. Incarcerated students are encouraged to make regular monthly donations (as they are able) to the program to help defray the cost of the education they are receiving.
7. A financial assistance request letter may be submitted by any potential or current student who feels that he or she is unable to afford the cost of attending the college or seminary. In so much as is possible, students will not be turned away based upon an inability to pay.

Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary Application
(Please Print)

I. Your Name _____ SS# (last four digits) _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____

Your Phone _____ Your Email _____

Are you applying for the ___ college or ___ seminary program? (check one)

II. Do you have a high school diploma? _____ GED? _____ Year received? _____

If you are currently in high school, what grade? _____

What high school did (do) you attend?

Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

III. What college(s), if any, have you attended?

College Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Did you graduate? _____ What degree? _____ When? _____

If you did not graduate, how many credit hours of C or better do you have? _____

College Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Did you graduate? _____ What degree? _____ When? _____

If you did not graduate, how many credit hours of C or better do you have? _____

IV. Are you a baptized Christian? _____

Are you currently an active member of a local church? _____ If so, Please provide the name and location of the church to which you belong.

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's phone _____ Pastor's email _____

V. Please provide the names of two people who know you well and would be willing to provide a positive reference for you to be admitted to the college or seminary program

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

VI. Our Covenant

The relationships of the seminary, inclusive of the Board of Governors, administration, faculty and staff, and our students, are reflected in the MBWC and Pilgrim Seminary Covenant. This short agreement, which everyone who wishes to participate in the seminary community must embrace, helps guide and regulate our life together. Our covenant is as follows:

We the Board of Governors, administration, faculty, staff, and student body of MBWC and Pilgrim Theological Seminary promise to help one another:

- Honor God by our words and actions, aspiring to love our Creator with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength.
- Honor one another as children of God by treating others as we wish to be treated.
- Do what is right in the eyes of God, setting our minds upon those things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and admirable, and whatever is excellent and praiseworthy.
- Mature in Christian love as we seek to remember that, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, and it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.”
- Support the mission of MBWC and Pilgrim Seminary by your commitment to its ideals and by helping to provide for its financial needs.

Your Signature signifies acceptance

Date

Application Mailing Address:

Admissions Office
Myrtle Beach Wesleyan College and Pilgrim Seminary
1229 38th Ave North #262
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Please remember to include your \$20 non-refundable application fee

Email: admissions@pilgrimseminary.org