



# **Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary NPC**

*Forming Transforming Leaders for Church and Nation*



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Distance Learning Programmes**

## **Higher Certificate in Christian Ministry (HCCM)**

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**Information Booklet for 2020**

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## Background

The vision of Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary (SMMS) is to *'form transforming leaders for Church and Nation.'* Our goal is to offer values-based programmes that develop and nurture leaders of impeccable character and ethics, of the highest moral standards, socially conscious, of intellectual capability and refined vocational skills.

## Registration and Accreditation

The Higher Certificate in Christian Ministry (HCCM) is a distance learning programme registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and is accredited by the Council for Higher Education (CHE). A total of 8 courses (120 credits at 15 credits per course) need to be completed over a minimum of 2 year period in order to qualify for the Higher Certificate. The programme is mainly assignment based.

## Who can Apply

The HCCM is designed and open to the entire Ecumenical Church. The programme is developed to cater for those who require theological training and skills towards various church based ministries and services such as Local Preachers, evangelists, youth pastors, Sunday school teachers, Biblewomen, persons working with communities and those who aspire to study further towards ordained ministry for Word and Sacrament.

## Admission and Educational Requirements

To enrol for the HCCM, candidates must have obtained a Matric (Grade 12) or a National Senior Certificate (NSC), or its equivalent (NQF4) entry education.

## Award of the Higher Certificates

Candidates who successfully complete the academic requirements for the HCCM programme will be awarded a higher certificate by SMMS in recognition of their studies. Depending on performance, there are articulation options into further programmes such as Diploma in Practical Ministry (NQF6) and Bachelors Degree in Theology (NQF 7).

## Why a Higher Certificate in Christian Ministry with SMMS

Apart from accessing work opportunities in Faith Based organizations, completion of the High Certificate would also qualify candidates for entrance into a variety of programmes in other institutions.

## How to apply

Registration to study towards the HCCM programme for the following year commences on 1st of May and closes on 31st of October every year. Application forms are available on SMMS websites at [www.smms.ac.za](http://www.smms.ac.za). A Completed application form to be submitted along with the following documents:

- Certified copy of ID book.
- Certified copy of Matric/National Senior certificate or last school-leaving certificate (including transcript of results).
- Proof of payment of an annual non-refundable administration fee and course fee.

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## 2 Years Curriculum and Courses Offered for the HCCM Programme

The HCCM programme offers the following core components:

- Biblical Studies.
- Theological Studies.
- History of Christianity.
- Practice of Christian Ministry and Mission.
- Specific Denominational Studies (optional within particular denominational requests and requirements).

**Note:** All students must obtain writing skills for assignments and essays. The required standards are provided in the Academic writing Skills reader. This reader will enable registered students to write assignments according to the academic standard stipulated by the seminary.

All accepted students into the HCCM programme are expected to register for **a maximum 2 courses per Semester**. The provision of courses below is not fixed but stipulates the envisioned Course progression within the curriculum from academic year 1 to year 2.

	First Semester	Second Semester
Year 1	<b>Biblical Studies 1</b> <b>An Introduction to Scripture</b> <b>(BIB101)</b> Overview of the Bible	<b>Biblical Studies 2</b> <b>Old Testament Theology and Exegesis</b> <b>(BIB102)</b> Genesis, Exodus, Psalms, Prophets,
	<b>An Introduction to Church History</b> <b>(CHH101)</b> Including History of Christianity in Africa	<b>An Introduction to Community Development</b> <b>(DEV101)</b> Working with Communities
Year 2	<b>Biblical Studies 3</b> <b>New Testament</b> <b>(BIB103)</b> Synoptic Gospels and Pauline Epistles	<b>An Introduction to Homiletics</b>  <b>(PCM101)</b> Preaching, Liturgy and Christian Worship
	<b>Theology 1</b> <b>An Introduction to Christian Doctrines</b> <b>(THEO101)</b> Creation, God & Christology; Soteriology & Eschatology	<b>Distinctive Denominational Studies/</b> <b>Contextual Theology</b> <b>(PCM102)</b> <b>As requested by specific Church Traditions</b> <b>Elective 1:</b> Wesleyan Studies and Spirituality; <b>Elective 2:</b> Doing Theology in Context <b>Or</b> Equipping Partners of Ministers in Ministry

\*Subject to adjustments if need be

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## Course Fees and Mode of Course Delivery

The following fees will be payable by distance learning students who register to study for the HCCM programme:

### 1. Annual Administration/Application Fee

Details	Amount
Prospective students to pay a once off non-refundable administration/application fee while applying.	<b>R 200</b>

**Note:** Payment of a non-refundable application fee **does not guarantee acceptance** into the HCCM programme. An official acceptance letter should guarantee admission to study towards the HCCM.

### 2. Course Fee and Mode of Course Delivery

Two options are available as mode for course delivery. You either use **Option 1** or **Option 2**.

**Option 1:** Delivery of printable hard copies of Course Study Guide/material

Details	Course Fee	Study Guide and Materials	Postage & Packaging	Total Fees per Semester
Academic Writing Skills Reader	Nil	R90	R300	<b>R2 900</b>
1st Course for Semester	R1 165	R90		
2nd Course for Semester	R1 165	R90		

**Option 2:** Online Access of Course Study Guide/material

Details	Course Fee	Study Guide and Materials	Postage & Packaging	Total Fees per Semester
Academic Writing Skills Reader	Nil	R90	Nil	<b>R2 600</b>
1st Course for Semester	R1 165	R90		
2nd Course for Semester	R1 165	R90		

### 3. Repeat a Failed Assignment or a Failed Course

The following fee will apply in cases where a student is to repeat a failed assignment or an entire course.

Details	Course Fee	Study Guide and Materials	Postage & Packaging	Fees per Repeat
Repeat a failed Assignment	R100		Nil	R100
Repeat a failed Course	R750	Use the revised Course Material provided		R750

**Note:** Course fee and cost for study materials/Readers are subject to annual increment if need be.

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## Course Registration, Course Requirement and Payment

### 1. Course Registration

Payment of course fees, study material and postage should accompany semester registration form at the beginning of every semester. The process of registration entails completing a registration form outlining the courses to be studied in a semester of 5 months. A registration form is made available from the programme coordinator for this purpose. Signing and submitting a registration form indicates that you are committing to study the enlisted courses in that particular semester. Your registration is only considered complete until when the finance office at the seminary receives a proof of payment for the 2 courses you have registered to study for in that particular semester.

### 2. Payment of Study Fees

Accepted students are required to register for a minimum of 2 courses per semester. No student will be allowed to register and study for more than 2 courses in a given semester as a distance learner. Study fees for a minimum of 2 course are payable upon receiving provisional acceptance. A full acceptance is only granted when a provisionally accepted student meets his/her financial obligation during the process of registration. Payment of course fees, course material and postage are expected upfront before access to course study material is granted.

### 3. Course Materials

Course material includes a course study guide required for studying a particular course. In most cases, the material contained in the course study guide is sufficient for the entire course. Students will not be required to buy additional material since the study guide provided has lecture notes and attached readings for weekly lessons. Please note that the Academic Writing Skills is a compulsory “Course” for all students registering for the first year of the HCCM programme. There is no course fees required for Academic Writing Skills. However, the seminary will provide every student with a work book to assist them improve their writing skills. The work book will guide student with academic writing skills needed while submitting their written assignments. This is an important academic requirement to ensure that all assignments are done according to academic standards.

### 4. Repeating a Failed Assignment or a Failed Course

In cases where a student is to repeat a failed assignment, they will use the same study guide material and the assignment booklet provided during the semester registration. To repeat a failed course, a student will not receive a new course material but will use the same study guides they already have. However, once proof of payment of R750 required for repeating a course is received, the student will receive a new assignment booklet with new assignment questions for assessment.

### 5. Procedure for Course Fee Payment

Subject to receiving an official letter of acceptance, accepted students will also receive an invoice from the finance office stipulating the amount you need to pay for a given semester of study. **Every student is expected to quote the invoice number provided as their reference** while making deposit into the seminary account. Please note:

1. **Payment for First Semester:** must be received latest by 31st November or 31st January of every year.
2. **Payment for Second Semester:** must be received latest by 31st of June of every academic year.

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## Fees Payable for the Entire HCCM Programme (OPTION 1)

		COURSESES PER YEAR	Course Fee (ZAR)	Cost per Reader (ZAR)	Postage & Packaging (ZAR)
<b>YEAR ONE</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1</b>				
		Introduction to Academic Writing and Skills	Nil	90	300
	1	Biblical Studies 1 An Introduction to Scripture	1 165	90	
	2	An Introduction to Church History	1 165	90	
	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>				
	3	Biblical Studies 2 Old Testament Theology and Exegesis	1 165	90	300
	4	An Introduction to Community Development	1 165	90	
<b>Total Fees for 1st Year</b>			<b>4 660</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>YEAR TWO</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1</b>				
	5	Biblical Studies 3 Synoptic Gospels and Pauline Epistles	1 165	90	300
	6	Theology 1 An Introduction to Christian Doctrines	1 165	90	
	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>				
	7	An Introduction to Homiletics Preaching, Liturgy and Christian Worship	1 165	90	300
	8	Distinctive Denominational Studies/Theology	1 165	90	
<b>Total Fees for 2nd Year</b>			<b>4 660</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>R11 330</b>

\* Course fee and cost for Study materials are subject to annual increment based on inflation rate

## HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (HCCM)

### Fees Payable for the Entire HCCM Programme (OPTION 2)

		COURSESES PER YEAR	Course Fee (ZAR)	Cost per Reader (ZAR)	Postage & Packaging (ZAR)
<b>YEAR ONE</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1</b>				
		Introduction to Academic Writing and Skills	Nil	90	Nil
	<b>1</b>	Biblical Studies 1 An Introduction to Scripture	1 165	90	
	<b>2</b>	An Introduction to Church History	1 165	90	
	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>				
	<b>3</b>	Biblical Studies 2 Old Testament Theology and Exegesis	1 165	90	Nil
	<b>4</b>	An Introduction to Community Development	1 165	90	
<b>Total Fees for 1st Year</b>			<b>4 660</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>YEAR TWO</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1</b>				
	<b>5</b>	Biblical Studies 3 Synoptic Gospels and Pauline Epistles	1 165	90	Nil
	<b>6</b>	Theology 1 An Introduction to Christian Doctrines	1 165	90	
	<b>SEMESTER 2</b>				
	<b>7</b>	An Introduction to Homiletics Preaching, Liturgy and Christian Worship	1 165	90	Nil
	<b>8</b>	Distinctive Denominational Studies/Theology	1 165	90	
<b>Total Fees for 2nd Year</b>			<b>4 660</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>					<b>R10 130</b>

\*Course fee and cost for Study materials are subject to annual increment based on inflation rates

## HOW TO CONTACT US

For further information and clarifications about the HCCM Programme contact:

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## BANKING DETAILS

**Account Name:** Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary

**Bank:** First National Bank (FNB)

**ACCOUNT NO:** 62216384876

**BRANCH:** HAYFIELDS (PIETERMARITZBURG)

**BRANCH CODE:** 221425

**SWIFT:** FIRZAJJ