



# RIVERSIDE COLLEGE

Celebrate our launch with us this Fall!

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TWO LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAMS OF STUDY

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# Introduction

## RIVERSIDE COLLEGE IS OFFERING TWO DIFFERENT 2-YEAR PROGRAMS OF STUDY

You may elect to participate in the Bible & Discipleship Certificate Program or take it alongside the Theology & Leadership Diploma Program.

### 1. Bible & Discipleship Certificate Program

This course of study is more casual and dedicated to Riverside Church's culture of discipleship and teaching. Credits are fewer, in-house, and non-transferable. It is open to adults and middle or high school students. This program is designed to be affordable for all.

### 2. Theology & Leadership Diploma Program

This course of study is powered by Destiny Leadership Institute (DLI) in partnership with Riverside College. Credits are partially transferable to South Eastern University (SEU). The Bible & Discipleship Program must be taken before or alongside this program. The application for this program is open to high school graduates (18 & older).



I have spent many years joyfully preaching and teaching in churches and Bible colleges. In prayer I felt the Lord strongly leading me to discover and share the “best of the best” materials I could find with everyday Christ followers so they could easily understand and enjoy the Scriptures. Also, so every believer could enhance their discipleship experiences and be equipped to share their faith joyfully with others—in love and wisdom. Riverside College is an answer to my prayers. I hope it will be an answer to your prayers too!

—Dr. Al Gossan

# BIBLE & DISCIPLESHIP Certificate Program



## In-house, Non-transferable Accreditation

This program will have 24 annual sessions. They will be on Thursdays from 7 - 8:30 pm at Riverside Church. There are two semesters per year: Fall and Spring. You may attend in-person or with online video recordings. Childcare will not be provided.

### 2023 - 2024 Calendar

- Fall 2023: September 14th to December 7th  
\*Deadline for fall application submission is August 28th.
- Spring 2024: February 1st to May 9th
- Fall 2024 - Spring 2025 calendar dates to be announced

### Year One: Bible Highlights

Learn the big picture and main ideas of all 66 books of the Bible. These are the books and resources:



IN-HOUSE CREDITS	COURSE	DESCRIPTION
2 Free Pre-requisites	Growth Track & Baptism Workshop: May be completed before or during first semester.	
12 In-house Credits	Bible Highlights	Read appropriate Bible books and text books as assigned. Participate in and occasionally lead Scriptural discussions.

### Year Two: Dynamic Discipleship

Go from being a disciple to becoming a disciplemaker. These are the study guides and multi-media resources:



IN-HOUSE CREDITS	COURSE	DESCRIPTION
1 Free Pre-requisites	Grounded in Hebrew Heritage: May be completed before or during first semester.	
12 In-house Credit	Dynamic Discipleship	Apply truths for yourself and for teaching others to be a Christ follower, lay foundation stones & take Spiritual steps.

## CERTIFICATE Completion Requirements

Good news! There will be no traditional grading, quizzes or tests. A Bible & Discipleship Certificate will be awarded after completing two years.

Our in-house scoring system simply consists of:

- Self-Assessments (before & after each school year).
- Completion Check-lists (on-your-honor at the end of each year).



## Annual Expenses

### TUITION

\$450 yearly or \$75 monthly (paid over six months)

\*Payment handled by Riverside Church

### FAMILY TUITION DISCOUNTS

Family is a core value of Riverside Church, so we are offering a discount to families who apply together. For every young person that applies with their parent or guardian, tuition will only be \$100 per year. They must be a middle school or high school student.

### BOOKS & RESOURCES

Books, apps and optional printing of free PDFs are estimated at \$100/year or less.

Note: Used books are available for purchased online. The book list will be given after enrollment.



# THEOLOGY & LEADERSHIP Diploma Program



## Partially Transferable Accreditation

A two-year program with credits transferable to South Eastern University. Each semester is designed to be user-friendly and practical, as well as academically sound. Students will learn Bible, theology, and leadership through online courses, while serving at Riverside Church under the guidance of spiritual leadership. All classes will have interactive elements, such as discussion boards, live webinars, and video lectures.

### Fall 2023 Semester

September 4th to December 17th

Webinar Dates: December 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th

\*Application deadline is August 28th.

## Year One: Theology

IN-HOUSE CREDITS	COURSE	DESCRIPTION
1 Free Pre-requisite	Grounded in Hebrew Heritage: May be completed during Spring 2024 semester.	
Paid Pre-requisite (or taken alongside)	Bible & Discipleship Certificate	See page 3 “Year One” for details.
Partially Transferable Credits	Theology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction to Bible:</b> Designed to give a clear, usable understanding of the Bible and to teach basic Bible study methods.</li> <li>• <b>Old Testament Survey:</b> Provides a basic framework for understanding and interpreting the Old Testament by offering vital historical, geographical, and cultural insights.</li> <li>• <b>Servant Leadership:</b> Offers a look at Jesus’ life and ministry in its historical and theological context, while focusing on Him as the ultimate servant leader.</li> <li>• <b>Christian Foundations I:</b> Introduces the field of theology and provides a workable knowledge of the following important Christian doctrines: the Bible, God, man, and sin</li> <li>• <b>New Testament Survey:</b> Provides a basic framework for understanding and interpreting the New Testament by offering vital historical, geographical, and cultural insights</li> <li>• <b>Internship 1 &amp; 2:</b> This course ensures that students gain practical training by serving at Riverside Church as they do their biblical studies.</li> </ul>

## Year Two: Leadership

IN-HOUSE CREDITS	COURSE	DESCRIPTION
Paid Pre-requisite (or taken alongside)	Bible & Discipleship Certificate	See page 3 “Year One” for details.
Partially Transferable Credits	Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spiritual Formation:</b> This course focuses on the development of the believer’s spiritual life. Attention is given to the spiritual disciplines, the connection between ministry and character, and the relationship between formation and sanctification.</li> <li>• <b>Spirit-Filled Leadership:</b> The course prepares students for Spirit-Filled ministry and offers biblically sound practical theology of Spirit-led ministry through preaching, teaching and leading in the power of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>• <b>Intro to Christian Ministry:</b> Helps students identify and implement values, vision, mission and strategy in their ministry contexts</li> <li>• <b>Ministry Skills:</b> Introduces two vital ministry skills: communication and care – Helps students develop and deliver clear, powerful sermons and lessons and overviews principles of pastoral care and counseling</li> <li>• <b>Christian Foundations II:</b> Introduces the field of theology and provides a workable knowledge of the following important Christian doctrines: Christ, Salvation, The Holy Spirit, The Church, and Last Things.</li> <li>• <b>Internship 3 &amp; 4:</b> This course ensures that students gain practical training by serving at Riverside Church as they do their biblical studies.</li> </ul>

# DIPLOMA Completion Requirements

A Theology & Leadership Diploma will be awarded after completing two years.

Scoring is traditional and similar to most secular colleges:

- Letter grades, quizzes and testing are routine.
- Reading and writing assignments are considerable.
- Final exams are given both semesters of each year.



## Annual Expenses

### TUITION

\$1,350 yearly or \$250 monthly (paid over six months)

\*Payment handled by DLI

### BOOKS & RESOURCES

Books and resources for this course will be given by DLI and are estimated at \$100/year or less.

Note: Used books are available for purchased online. Books lists will be given after enrollment.



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Meet Dr. Al Gossan, the Dean and overseer of Riverside College and Riverside Church’s Discipleship Pastor.

Dr. Al has been following Jesus since 1971. He has travelled and taught extensively, in: churches, Bible colleges and conferences for over 50 years—both nationally and internationally. He was a former U.S. Government School Administrator and a Senior Instructional Design Specialist at Fed Ex. He has an earned Doctorate in Literature from Apostolic World Christian University. He is ordained with Destiny Leaders.

## Application Process

**Thank you for your interest in Riverside College!  
We look forward to growing with you.**

Complete the online application at [riversidechurchtx.com/college](https://riversidechurchtx.com/college) or scan the QR Code. After you apply, you will receive a confirmation email and our team will contact you with more instructions on how to onboard.



**SCAN TO APPLY**



### Have a question?

Please email the Riverside College team directly at [college@riversidechurchtx.com](mailto:college@riversidechurchtx.com).