



Gospel training: when and where you need it

[Crosslands](#) is a very highly regarded training provision created by [Acts 29](#) and [Oak Hill College](#). The Seminary level course is somewhat similar to what you might expect at a theological college but is distinctive in being:

- Particularly strong on gospel, mission, church, biblical theology and biblical counselling (in content and the dynamic of application);
- Flexible and accessible, combining the advantages of distance learning, residential learning and in-context learning;
- Rigorous and substantial in content but less academic (not exam-driven) and strong on active participatory learning.

What's the content?

Crosslands Seminary course is designed to give students a good understanding of key biblical and theological concepts, with their pastoral and missional implications, to help you lead others in the Christian life, whether as a church pastor, planter or those working in specialist ministry areas. The learning material is largely reading but also embedded video content and practical assignments. The core curriculum runs as a three-year rolling programme.

	Year C (2019-20)	Year A (2020-21)	Year B (2021-22)	Year D (MA only) (2021-22)
Biblical	Introduction to Biblical Theology	New Testament Introduction	Old Testament Introduction	Advanced Biblical Studies
Pastoral	Bible Exposition	Practical Ministry & Mentoring	Dynamics of Spiritual Growth	Biblical Counselling (SEBTS)
Doctrine	Doctrine in Historical Perspective	God, Humanity & Christ	Salvation, the Church & Eschatology	Christian Leadership
Mission	Church Planting	Evangelism & Apologetics	Culture and Context	Great Commission Studies (SEBTS)

What's in it for church planters?

All the modules are of direct relevance for the pastor-planter. In particular the Church Planter module is based on the 'Church Planting Strategy and Timeline' section of the Acts 29 assessment process and goes through the 8 steps developed by Acts 29. A key text is Tim Keller's *Centre Church*. This is supplemented with a wealth of other video and reading material from Acts 29 and others.

The London Church Planting Academy hopes to host a dedicated church planters tutor group – so you will be networked with others studying the Crosslands material who are also seeking to apply it in their planting ministry. The group would be led by a tutor with church planting experience and we will also work with Crosslands to tune the assignments and learning experience to be of most help to planters.



How does the course work in practice? What are the time commitments?

The Seminary course is taken for either 3 years (unaccredited) or 4 years (accredited). The course is delivered through a number of channels that make the most of studying in-context and in-community:

1. **Mentoring and service** in your local church/network. Crosslands sees your local church (planting) ministry as integral to your learning. All students should have the recommendation and support of a senior pastor / network leader.
2. **Study afternoons**. At the London Church Planting Academy we will host 16 study afternoons (Sept to June) where you can learn together with other Crosslands students – either individual study (but with the discipline of a dedicated time slot and the encouragement of others working alongside) or studying together (e.g. watching video content, discussion).
3. **Seminar days**. Each module in the course builds towards an assignment, which is presented and discussed in seminar days led by the group tutor. These will happen five times a year at the London Church Planting Academy (in addition to the 16 study afternoons).
4. **Personal study**. In addition to Study Afternoons and Seminar Days, students need to set aside 8 hours of individual study time for 36 weeks (September to June).
5. **Residential Intensives**. All Crosslands students for residential intensives three times a year: one week in the Autumn, a weekend in February and a further week in early Summer. The residentials are great times for fellowship with your peers, the faculty members introducing or closing modules, peer review activities and interaction with current theological issues.

Are there exams to take?

No. Passing the Crosslands Seminary course involves achieving a pass mark for all the graded assignments each year, and meeting all the requirements for participation, including online forum contributions, residential attendance and seminar days with your tutor through the year. Where a student misses one of these elements for an unavoidable reason, there are ways to catch up, but you will have to provide evidence that you have done the required catch-up work.

What qualification do you get from studying with Crosslands?

All students who complete the three year programme will receive a Crosslands certificate that reflects your participation and achievement. Students who already hold a Bachelor's degree (in any subject) have the option to register on the accredited course, which includes the additional fourth year, to achieve an MA in Christian Ministry from [Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary](#).

How much does the Seminary course cost?

Unaccredited course fee: £2,500 per year for 1-3 years.

Accredited course fee: £3,750 per year for 4 years.

[This includes full board at the residentials but does not include a small extra cost for meals and refreshments on study afternoons and seminar days at the LCPA.]

Unfortunately there is no scholarship fund to assist students with funding. However, we are happy to send you a fundraising pack to help you raise your own support.

Applications to join Crosslands Seminary should be made [direct through Crosslands](#) ideally by 28 June (certainly by 12 July). However, if you are interested in being part of a tutor group connected to the London Church Planting Academy then it would be helpful to contact admin@londonplantingacademy.org. This also allows us to link you up with other planters and training provisions.

Join us in the Study Space at the London Church Planting Academy

- Meet with other Crosslands students.
- Wi-Fi and access to a ministry library.
- Lunch and coffee provided.

Enrol on [Crosslands Seminary](#) → enrol for [Study Space](#) at the LCPA