

American Baptist Churches of New York State

Lay Study Program

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Course Objectives:

This course is designed to enable the student to relate Christian education to all aspects of church life. The student will participate in and be evaluated on his/her interaction from assigned readings, instructor information and other student input.

Expected Outcomes:

The students shall be able to fully understand their roles and duties as teachers and learners within their local churches. Students will understand the theories and practices to teaching and the blocks to learning that form in all aspects of the transferring process.

Objectives for Each Session:

The course consists of 20 contact hours which are broken down into 10 two hour sessions. Students must attend at least eight of the 10 sessions to receive credit for the course unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor. Each class should begin and end with prayer.

The text selected for the course will play a very large role in lesson plans and lesson objectives. Much of the first class will include filling out the paperwork required for course registration and credit. Time should also be set aside for class member and instructor introductions.

The instructor should make it very clear that discussion by all students is encouraged. A homework assignment should be given which contains reading from the text and a written assignment based on the class subject at the time.

The subject for each class will depend somewhat on the text used, but should include information on:

The purpose of the church educational ministry

Aspects of teaching and learning

Blocks to student learning

Curriculums available to the church teachers

Where to find resource materials for the classes taught at the churches

Creating lesson plans

Developing class presentations.

Suggested texts:

There are many texts available for this course and new ones are being developed regularly. A visit to a local Christian bookstore may prove helpful. A few suggested texts are listed below:

Introducing Christian Education, Michael Anthony

The philosophy of Christian Religious Education, Jeff Astley

The Power of Small Groups in Christian Education, Harley Atkinson

The Nuts and Bolts of Christian Education, Delia Halverson