

Saint Andrew's
Theological College and Seminary

The Permanent Deacon's Diploma

The Permanent Deacon's Diploma is a 30 credit undergraduate-level academic program designed to prepare students to serve God in the Holy Order of the Church in the capacity of Deacon. Students seeking a permanent Deacon's Diploma do not intend to become priests, but will work under a priest. Permanent deacons are those individuals who intend to work in a specific parish and are licensed only for service in their parish. Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Meet the nominal requirements for ordination to the Diaconate.
- Show evidence of maturation in spiritual formation necessary for ordination to the Diaconate.
- Demonstrate ability to conduct public worship according to the Book of Common Prayer.
- Demonstrate competence to teach the word of God.

The course of study for a Permanent Deacon is developed on an individual basis depending upon the individual's prior education and experience. A typical sequence of courses will include 30 credit hours from the following, 12 of which must be drawn from biblical and theological studies:

IC 100: How to Succeed at St. Andrew's (1 credit hour)
TH 300: The Holy Order of the Church (2 credit hours)
TH 320: The Spiritual Formation of Clergy (2 credit hours)
TH 350: Liturgical Theology (3 credit hours)
AP 301: Anglican Apologetics (3 credit hours)
MB 303: Faith Building and the Bible (3 credit hours)
BC 305: General Introduction to the Bible (3 credit hours)
BC 315: Special Introduction to Old Testament (3 credit hours)
BC 335: Special Introduction to the New Testament (3 credit hours)
CH 302: Survey of Church History (3 credit hours)
CE 434: Teaching for Learning and Spiritual Development (3 credit hours)
TH 460: Systematic Theology (3 credit hours)
MI 317 Parish Administration (3 credit hours)

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BC 405 Inductive Bible Study (3 credit hours)

*MI 307: Aspirant's Seminar (1 credit hour)

*MI 457: Liturgical Seminar for Deacons (2 credit hours)