

The GMWA Certification Program

A special certification program within the Academic Division that offers academic programs in sacred music.

The program is one of the 16 Special Academic Programs made available to Gospel Music Workshop of America members. These programs are structured to endorse members for leadership roles in music at all levels of Christian endeavor; and

- (1) to build a sound foundation in evangelism and music for lay persons and clergy;
- (2) to provide further insight into the structure of African-American religious music;
- (3) to increase the knowledge of music in the African-American culture; and
- (4) to provide a core knowledge from related fields of learning, theology and curriculum development.

Certifications are based upon (1) actual clock hours of instruction; and (2) written evaluations.

Certification Requirements:

LEVEL I Certification

6 courses in one area of concentration	=	36 contact hours
2 courses in the Department of Foundations (F)	=	12 contact hours
1 course in the Department of Church Worship (CW--)	=	6 contact hours
4 courses from other Departments	=	24 contact hours
Comprehensive written evaluation in the area of concentration	=	12 contact hours
Comprehensive oral examination in the area of concentration	=	10 contact hours
Total Courses Required	=	13
Total Contact Hours	=	100

LEVEL II Certification

Completion of Level I Certification	=	100 contact hours
4 courses in one selected Department	=	24 contact hours
2 courses in Department of Foundations (F--)	=	12 contact hours
3 courses from other Departments	=	18 contact hours
Comprehensive oral examination	=	
Total Courses Required	=	9
Total Contact Hours	=	54
Cumulative Hours	=	154 contact hours

LEVEL III Certification

Completion of Level I requirements	=	100 contact hours
Completion of Level II requirements	=	54 contact hours
Research Methodology I	=	18 contact hours
Research Methodology II	=	18 contact hours
Individual Studies Project	=	26 contact hours
Thesis Book	=	
Published Article (empirically based)	=	
Annotated Bibliography in an area of African-American Sacred Music	=	

Published Media
Other
An open forum for Individual Studies
Presentation to Academic Division faculty

Total Hours	=	126 contact hours
Cumulative Hours	=	240 contact hours

GENERAL CERTIFICATION

3 courses in Department of Foundations (F---)	=	18 contact hours
2 courses in Department of Church Worship (CW---)	=	12 contact hours
7 courses elected from other departments	=	42 contact hours
Total Courses	=	12
Total Contact Hours	=	72