**History of the Certificate of Progress Program**

**The Certificate of Progress Program, organized at the Sunday School Publishing Board in 1937, was designed to produce qualified teachers that would lead church members into the twenty-first century.**

**Dr. Marshall A. Talley has been credited as the person that instituted the COP Program. In 1978, Dr. Amos Jones, Jr., undertook the leadership of the COP Program to take it to new heights.**

**COPP Objectives**

* **To increase biblical knowledge**
* **To create an understanding of the Baptist Church**
* **To provide an educational structure that will develop candidates qualified for teaching and leadership position**
* **To provide incentives for the candidates to complete the program**
* **To produce trained church leaders**

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**The Certificate of Progress Program is a highly structured Christian Leadership School of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. The program is designed to produce qualified church leaders with the capability to lead church members of the NBC USA, Inc. in and beyond the 21st century. The Sunday School Publishing Board administers programs of study that support the NBC, USA, Inc. The Division of Christian Education Accreditation and Credentials’ (DCEAC) Office provides oversight of Christian Leadership Schools (CLS).**



# How Do I Begin?

# Contact the Dean of Record to assist you through this process.

# Complete and submit the official Form 12 Admissions Application

# Submit a $15.00 Application Fee with Application

# Subscribe to the Christian Education Informer Magazine @ a $30.00 annual fee

# Submit completed form and required fees payable to the Sunday School Publishing Board (SSPB)

# Want To Teach?

## In order to be certified to teach in a certified school, an individual must have:

## First Certificate Of Progress

## #2023 Creative Ways of Teaching

## #9008 Public Speaking

## Form 5 Application for Certification or Instructor

## Current Subscription to the Christian Education Informer

## Appropriate Fees

The SSPB will also take seminary and/or college equivalent for all courses. A transcript will be needed. (Your Dean of Record will assist you with this process)

**WANT TO BE A DEAN?**

**The first requirement is that you MUST complete all four Phases of the COPP!**

**The Certificate Of Progress Program**

**course offerings per phase are as follows:**

**PHASE 1 COURSES**

1001 Introduction to the Bible

1004 Effective Bible Reading

1007 Survey of the Old Testament

1072 Survey of the New Testament

2011 Baptist Doctrine

6021 Spiritual Formation

**PHASE 2 COURSES**

1075 The Synoptic Gospels

2007 Christian Stewardship

3008 Theology and History of Christianity

4012 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

7024 Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

9004 Writing Techniques I

**PHASE 3 COURSES**

1079 Survey Of John

1089 Survey of Roman

3007 History of Baptists

7005 Christian Evangelism

7010 Introduction to Discipleship

9005 Writing Techniques II

**PHASE 4 COURSES**

1112 Survey of Revelation

2015 Foundation of Christian Education

6013 Organizing the Church for Christian Education

8035 The African-American Church and Social Justice

8066 Christianity and Contemporary Issues

9024 The Computer in the Life of the Church