

## ABOUT CERTIFICATION

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**O**lder Adult Ministries (OAM) Certification is a training program sponsored by the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. that prepares individuals to engage in ministry with older adults in the context of their faith communities, their family networks, and their communities. This program provides a theological and biblical background as applied to the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual gifts and needs of older adults. Participants will be able to advocate in a professional way for all who are aging and those who care for them.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

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There are six required steps in the OAM Certification process.

These include:

- ❖ Course One: Spiritual Formation for Older Adult Ministries
- ❖ Course Two: Teaching for Transformation in Older Adult Ministries
- ❖ Course Three: Reformed Theological Answers to Questions of Middle/Older Adults
- ❖ Course Four: Physical and Mental Changes in Aging
- ❖ Elective Study: To prepare the participant to research a topic of special interest that will culminate in leading a workshop or series of classes.
- ❖ Final Project: Application of OAM Core Courses, to assess the participant's understanding and ability to apply information from the core courses of OAM Certification program.

Core Courses and the Elective Study may be completed in any order. The POAMN Annual Conference takes place in October of each year. Participants in the certification process are asked to attend the conference each year.

## FEE STRUCTURE

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There is a \$100 entrance fee, payable with the fee for the first Core Course taken, and due at the time of initial submission of registration forms.

Each Core Course has a \$200 fee. The Elective Study has a \$100 administrative and review fee, and the Final Project has a \$200 administrative and review fee.

Individuals are encouraged to be creative in seeking financial backing for this effort. Funding is one of the skills required in ministry in the church, and evidence of the ability to creatively obtain funds is an aspect of this process.

Possible funding sources include:

- Local congregation(s)
- Leadership development funds from Presbyteries and Synods, for both volunteers and staff
- Community service groups with philanthropic interests
- Local nursing homes or living centers may provide funding in exchange for some program or other assistance.

- I am interested in registering for the next Certification class. Please contact me with registration information.  
 I am interested in learning more about the Certification process. Please contact me with more information.

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