



THE IONA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

Description of Lay Track Programs 2021-2022

The Iona School for Ministry offers four courses of study for lay leaders who wish to enhance their spiritual formation, make a deeper commitment to the mission of the church, and/or lead missional communities. All programs are held at Camp Allen.

The options offered are:

1. The Lay Theological Studies (Immersion Track)

This is a 3-year (6 semesters) program that prepares lay leaders for ministry in missional communities, and or assisting local parishes through preaching, teaching and ministry formation. It also provides a significant theological foundation for persons called to work as lay professionals in the church. All courses are taken at the Iona School for Ministry. Successful completion of the program qualifies graduates, on the recommendation of their rector and approval of the bishop, to be licensed as lay preacher, worship leader, lay evangelist and catechist.

This track consists of 10 sessions, each held once a month from September through June, for three years. Sessions begin Friday evening and end Sunday lunch. Tuition is \$2600* a year and includes hotel accommodations for two nights, meals, snacks, student notebook, theological study guides, liturgical supplies and more.

2. The Lay Preacher Track

This program requires 1 1/2 years (3 semesters) of study at the Iona School for Ministry. The courses focus on theological studies, liturgy, and homiletics. Successful completion of the program qualifies graduates, on the recommendation of their rector and approval of the bishop, to be licensed as lay preacher.

This track consists of 15 sessions total, each held once a month. The first 10 sessions (two semesters), run from September through June. The third semester runs from September through January. Each session begins Friday evening and ends with Sunday lunch. Tuition is \$1300* a semester, \$3900* total, and includes hotel accommodations for two nights, meals, snacks, student notebook, theological study guides, liturgical supplies and more.

3. The Missional Developer Track

This 1-year track provides practical and theological ministry courses, along with fieldwork supervision and reflection for those leading missional efforts out of Episcopal congregations. This track offers classes on the core competencies for starting and leading missional communities, as well as requiring fieldwork so that students learn through experience. Upon completion and with support of their rector or head-of-congregation, graduates are eligible for the license of evangelist, in accordance with Canon III.4.9 of the Episcopal Church.

This track is designed to support those already leading missional communities yet desiring more formal training or official authorization of the Church. It will additionally provide formation for those hoping to start missional expressions who desire more preparation.

The Mission Developer track consists of 10 sessions, held one weekend a month, a day-long orientation to the program held in August, and two project review sessions to be scheduled. The school sessions run from September through June with each beginning Friday evening and ending with Sunday lunch. Tuition is \$2600* and includes hotel accommodations for two nights, meals, snacks, student notebook, theological study guides, liturgical supplies and more.

*Tuition is subject to change.

4. The Worship Leader Track

This is a 1 year (2 semesters) of study at the Iona School for Ministry. The courses focus on theological studies, church history, and worship/liturgy planning. Successful completion of the program qualifies graduates, on the recommendation of their rector and approval of the bishop, to be licensed as worship leader.

This track consists of 10 sessions total, each held once a month. The sessions run from September through June with each beginning Friday evening and ending with Sunday lunch. Tuition is \$2600* and includes hotel accommodations for two nights, meals, snacks, student notebook, theological study guides, liturgical supplies and more.

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Admission to the lay programs of the Iona School for Ministry requires a completed application form and required documents, a letter of support from the rector or head-of-congregation, acceptance by the Iona Dean for Diaconal and Lay Formation, and agreement by the Bishop Suffragan who oversees the Iona School. Candidates for the Mission Developer Track also must submit a missional project proposal which is accepted by the Missioner for Missional Communities.

Out-of-diocese students. Those from other dioceses interested in this program must have the support of their rector or head-of-congregation and their bishop. When their applications are complete, they are placed on a waiting list and admitted if class size permits. Priority goes to students from the Diocese of Texas.



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Admission Requirements for Lay Track Programs 2021-2022

To be considered for admission for the 2020-2021 academic year the requirements listed below must be received by the Iona School office no later than **June 15, 2021**.

- Completed application form
- Letter of approval from rector or Head of Congregation (if from another Diocese, letter of approval from Bishop Diocesan, as well)
- Spiritual Autobiography
- Current Resume (do not send Curriculum Vitae)
- Applicants for Missional Developer track should also include a project proposal; information on this will be provided by the Missioner for Missional Communities

The Iona School Administrator will contact you regarding the status of your application no later than July 15, 2021.

To ensure that students are provided with the best learning and development opportunity, at least two students are required for the lay track. Should this minimum not be met by the assigned deadline we may elect to cancel the lay track.

Prospective students who have submitted their application package will be contacted individually if the course is cancelled.

Application Process

All applications must be submitted electronically. To complete the application form, follow the link below, complete all fields and click submit. You must complete the application in one sitting, there is no option to save and return later.

You may choose to craft your responses for the longer questions in a word processing program so that you can save and edit your answers. Once you are ready to submit the application, use the copy & paste functions on your computer to transfer these answers into the form fields.

Submissions must be submitted using the form no later than June 15, 2021. If you have difficulty with the form, please email ionaadmin@epicenter.org for assistance.

[Lay Track Application Form](https://forms.gle/EDG6jYXMqsyW81fG7)

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Lay Track Application Checklist 2021-2022

Use this checklist to gather all necessary information to complete the application. Applications must be submitted electronically using [this form](#).

Part I & II – Biographical Information & Academic Background

Indicate the Lay Formation Track that you are applying for.

- Lay Theological Studies (3 years, Immersion Track)
- Lay Preacher Formation (3 semesters)
- Worship Leader Formation (2 semesters)
- Missional Developer Formation (2 semesters + summer orientation)

Preferred Title:		Preferred Name:		
<i>(Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., etc.)</i>		<i>(The name you prefer to be called)</i>		<i>Preferred Pronouns</i>
Legal First Name:				
Last Name:				
Mailing Address:				
	<i>City</i>		<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
Phone Numbers:	Home:	Spouse / Emergency Contact	Name:	
	Work:		Phone:	
	Cell:			
Preferred Email:				
Current Employer and Position (Optional):				
Sending Diocese:				
Church Name & City:				
How long have you been with this congregation?			Date of Baptism:	
Name of Rector/HoC:				
List any formal education you have completed (High School Diploma, Bachelor's Degree, `etc.).				
List any significant Christian formation/ministry training such as EFM, Bethel, FIND, Theological Seminary Courses, etc. that are not included on your resume.				

Resume
(.doc, .docx, .pdf)

Spiritual Autobiography
(.doc, .docx, .pdf)

Letter of Approval
(.doc, .docx, .pdf)

Part III – Writing Sample

Answer the following questions in detail.

1. What has motivated you to enroll in the Iona School for Ministry?
2. What leadership experience have you had with the church?
3. What experience(s) have you had with ministry or spiritual leadership outside of the church?