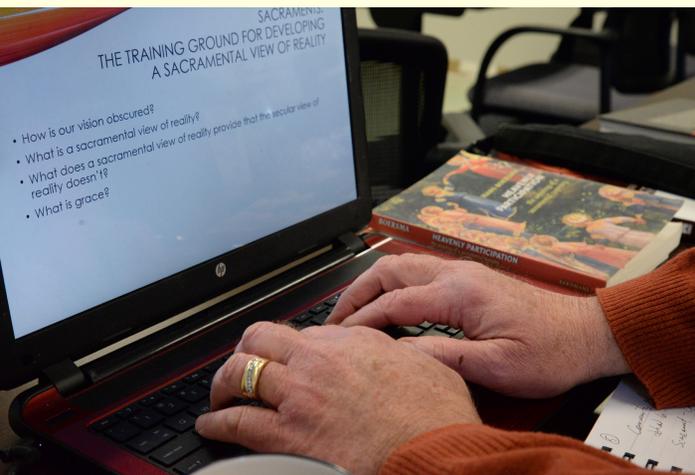


HOW BKSM CAME TO BE

BKSM began as a dream of a handful of bishops and lay leaders well over a decade ago. Bishops, canons, Commission on Ministry leaders, and faculty came together to begin discussing the possibility at a meeting in Kansas City in 2011. Four dioceses committed to pooling their resources (faculty, finances, students) and crossing long-established diocesan boundaries to create a high quality, innovative and affordable seminary, responsive to the need for clergy, particularly in under-resourced communities. The seminary officially came into being on July 1, 2013. The Very Rev. Don Compier, our second dean, has lead the seminary since July 1, 2014.

WHAT SETS BKSM APART

- Priests, deacons and lay leaders learn alongside one another.
- We believe students have as much to teach one another as our instructors do.
- Because our graduates generally stay in their sending diocese, dioceses have reported a growing sense of community and deepened relationships among clergy.
- The missionary spirit of our namesake, Bishop Jackson Kemper, means that we are adaptable, flexible and innovative.



HOW COURSES WORK

The academic year begins in mid-July and concludes mid-June. Each course lasts eight weeks.

During the first four weeks, students complete 350-400 pages of assigned reading for their course. Then, students meet in person or on Zoom for the focus weekend on the second full weekend of the month.

In-person students gather on the BKSM campus in Topeka, KS, which features three fully mediated classrooms, a library, sleeping accommodations next door in the Diocese of Kansas' Upton Hall, and worship in St. Mary's Chapel of Grace Cathedral.

This weekend includes nine hours of direct instruction time, along with shared worship experiences, catered meals, and a Saturday evening activity. These focus weekends provide multiple touch points for spiritual formation, community building, and deepened relationships.

After the focus weekend, students have four weeks to submit papers and/or projects, 12-15 pages in total. At the same time, students begin preparing for the next focus weekend by completing reading assignments for the new class.

Students are also required to participate in 90-minute praxis sessions with the entire student body one Tuesday evening a month and a 90-minute colloquium group with their cohort once a month. Both sessions meet on Zoom.

Online students participate in all instruction sessions, worship times, praxis, and colloquium sessions.

HYBRID LEARNING

BKSM classrooms are fully mediated with two cameras, a large TV monitor, and ceiling microphones to ensure a higher quality interactive learning experience for students who attend online. BKSM also has received grant funding to outfit two fully mediated mobile classrooms for satellite campuses/cohorts that may gather as a group for instruction outside a reasonable drive to Topeka.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- **Presbyteral Studies** 30 courses, 3 years
- **Diaconal Studies** 20 courses, 2 years
- **Anglican Studies** Varies, 1-2 years
- **Lay Catechist** 6 courses
- **Lay Preacher** 6 courses
- **Lay Evangelist** 8 courses

2021-22 TUITION

Tuition is established at a level to cover direct instructional costs, including faculty stipends, overnight accommodations, and catering.

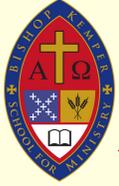
- **In-person** \$210 per class
- **Online** \$135 per class
- **Personal Enrichment** \$100 per class

Students are responsible for the cost of books and travel expenses. Books typically cost \$50-\$75 per month.

SCHOLARSHIPS

No student is denied an education at BKSM because they cannot afford it. Thanks to generous donors, we have scholarships available for students on lay tracks, ordination tracks, and those seeking personal enrichment. Additionally, we help connect students to other scholarship sources throughout the Church.





BISHOP KEMPER SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

At a Glance

COMMUNITY

- Full Partner Dioceses 4
- Other Relationships 4
- Articulation Agreements 1

BOARD

- Voting Members 12
- Ex-Officio 4
- Meetings per year 4

BKSM STAFF

- Dean 1.0 FTE
- Assistant to Dean 0.25
- Communications 0.25
- Innkeeper/Hospitality Volunteer
- Bookkeeper In-kind

CURRENT STUDENTS 46

- Diaconal Studies 17
- Presbyterian Studies 11
- Anglican Studies 5
- Lay Certificates 5
- PMA 1
- Personal Enrichment 7

BKSM GRADUATES (2014-2021)

BY DIOCESE

- Kansas 30
- Nebraska 13
- West Missouri 32
- Western Kansas 11
- ELCA Central States Synod 2
- Other 1

BY PROGRAM

- Presbyterian Studies 36
- Diaconal Studies 24
- Anglican Studies 8
- Lay Tracks 14
- PMA 2

PRIEST DEPLOYMENT

- Full time 14
- Part-time 12
- Bi-vocational 11
- Retired/Supply/Unknown 9

DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP

- General Convention Deputies 3
- Diocesan Councils 8
- Standing Committees 6
- President, Council of Trustees, Kansas
- Bishop's Staff, Kansas
- Founder and CEO, Magdalene House, Omaha
- Treasurer, Nebraska
- Archdeacon, West Missouri
- Transitions Missioner, West Missouri
- Intake Officer, West Missouri
- Vocations Missioner, West Missouri

BKSM FACULTY

DIOCESES REPRESENTED 6

DENOMINATIONS REPRESENTED 3

CURRENT FACULTY 23

- Bible 5
- Ethics 3
- Theology 6
- Spirituality 2
- History 2
- Diakonia 4
- Homiletics 2
- Practice of Ministry 9
- Liturgics 1
- Colloquium 3

FACULTY CREDENTIALS

- Ph.D. 12
- D.Min. 2
- Ordained 18
- Lay 5



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