



An <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY Phase 1 Orientation will be held in your district soon. Those interested in <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY training should come to the Orientation to better understand what the training involves. <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY Theological Institute exists to provide a “gateway” to credentialing and ministry within the larger EFCA movement. <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY offers language-specific, practical, and accessible theological training for pastors, church planters and leaders equipping them for effective ministry in their current contexts. <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY is designed for leaders who have a need for theological and pastoral training but lack the time and resources to access traditional seminary education.

Prospective students should come to the Orientation with their student application completed and be prepared to pay the tuition on or before that date. <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY Phase 1 tuition includes books and is \$300 when paid in full on or before Orientation. A special price for the spouse of a student in the same class is \$150 paid in full on or before Orientation (couple shares 1 set of books). After payment is received books will be distributed the student. Types of payment accepted are checks (made out to EFCA), credit cards and cash. The student is considered registered for class when tuition is paid in full. Payments are to be sent to: EFCA GATEWAY, P.O. Box 1223, Helotes, TX 78023. Please include student’s name on the check or payment information.

In order to prepare for the first class, the student will receive their books at the Orientation after they have made the tuition payment. Other information that will be covered during the Orientation is: a review of the <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY syllabus, explanation of how the class operates—lectures, assignments and grading, the kind of discipline and commitment needed for this course, a review of class dates, and assignment for the first class. Student applications and covenants will be collected in addition to the tuition fees.

In <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY Phase 1, the first ten classes are dedicated to the 10 points of the 2008 EFCA Statement of Faith and the following two classes deal with Ethical/Ministerial and Lifestyle issues. Some sites add 2 additional meeting dates to hold “mock licensing councils.” Phase 1 GATEWAY typically lasts 12-14 months.

The student and facilitator applications and covenants, as well as more information, can be found on the <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY website [www.efca.org/gateway](http://www.efca.org/gateway).

As a reminder, prospective students need to come to the <sup>EFCA</sup>GATEWAY Orientation with their Application completed (blank applications will also be available) and be ready to pay the tuition. We look forward to meeting you and are excited that you are interested in being equipped for ministry.

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