



## **GATEWAY Phase II**

**What is GATEWAY Phase II?** EFCA GATEWAY has a partnership with TUMI (The Urban Ministry Institute) [www.tumi.org](http://www.tumi.org) and uses 12 of their Capstone Curriculum modules plus 2 modules developed by GATEWAY.

**What is the schedule like?** Generally students meet with the facilitator once a month for approximately 6 hours.

**What is the class like?** Classes generally meet for 6 hours and cover 2 lessons a month (a TUMI module consists of 4 lessons). The class combines video lecture, live lecture, discussion and active participation.

**What is a module?** Each module contains 4 lessons. The modules are grouped into 4 categories: Biblical Studies, Theology & Ethics, Christian Mission and Urban Ministry. The student reads, listens, interacts and writes two papers for every module.

**When can I enter GATEWAY Phase II?** Students who have successfully completed GATEWAY Phase I qualify for GATEWAY II when it is being offered in their district. Other students may enter if they receive permission from the director of the GATEWAY location – for example, someone who has previous education and ministry experience in the EFCA would not necessarily need to take GATEWAY Phase I.

**What is the Cost?** Typically each module costs from \$150 to \$200 depending on the district. This cost includes registration and the student workbook. Extra texts are also required. The variable has to do with how each location is organized, if scholarships are offered or if facilitators receive compensation.

**Will this qualify me for a license or ordination?** Obtaining a certificate from GATEWAY is NOT a license or ordination in the EFCA. GATEWAY is an educational center. Before a license or ordination in the EFCA may be obtained the applicant must apply to the regional EFCA District. GATEWAY is not a requirement for licensing or

ordination. It is a pathway to develop proficiency (license) and mastery (ordination) of the biblical, theological and practical knowledge someone would need to be prepared for ministry. Papers from GATEWAY I can be combined to create a licensing paper (15 pages, one hour interview), and along with work in Gateway II, for an ordination paper (25 pages, longer interview).

**Who will teach?** GATEWAY Phase I and GATEWAY/TUMI Phase II classes are facilitated by EFCA ordained pastors who live in or near the area where the classes will be held and who have been selected by the EFCA GATEWAY Director to facilitate the class.

**Do I need to be EFCA?** No, but then you will need to approach your own church or denomination to see how they will receive GATEWAY training. GATEWAY I is based on the EFCA Statement of Faith, but GATEWAY/TUMI Phase II is theological training, and not specifically focused on the EFCA.

**How to I apply for a License or Ordination?** Licensing and ordination are done at the district level, so you will need to contact your EFCA District Office. Important information about EFCA credentialing can be found at: <http://www.efca.org/about-efca/joining-efca/credentialing/helpful-credentialing-documents>

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