Who is Eligible?

Since 1995 more than 450 students have received a Diploma through one of INSTE’s programs. Many alumni have expressed interest in upgrading to the degree offered by INSTE. This program is in response to that need.

This Up-Grade program provides an alternate route to the degree. Instead enrolling directly in the degree program, the student may elect to complete the diploma program and then enroll for this up-grade program to complete the requirements for the degree. This approach allows the student to spread out commitment of the time and cost over an additional year.

The Candidates for this Program

To be admitted to this program, the candidate must:

1. Have earned the Diploma in Theology, in Christian Leadership, in Christian Ministry or Bible and Theology at Inste Bible College.
2. Have the required credits to transfer from an appropriately accredited institution:

Accreditation

INSTE is accredited by DETC, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a national accrediting agency. It is, in fact, the premier distance education accrediting agency in the United States. See www.detc.org for further details.

- Upgrade your Diploma to a Degree.
- Refresh your knowledge-base of Bible and Theology.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved

2 Timothy 2:15

A Short Guide to the
Up-Grade to a
Degree Program
2013-2014
Objectives
This program is designed to do the following:
1. Up-grade the diploma graduate to the standards established for the degree program.
2. Provide an avenue for qualifying graduates to receive a degree.
3. Stimulate the alumnus’ commitment to life-long learning
4. Teach leaders/ministers to think analytically in order to present the gospel with gentleness and respect.

Therefore, students who successfully complete this program will:
1. Fulfill the requirements for a degree.
2. Refresh their knowledge-base of Bible and theology.
3. Apologetically communicate the gospel with gentleness and respect.

Overview of the Program
This program is online. Your individualized program syllabus will be available on the INSTE ONLINE platform.

1. Review
Scan the INSTE book for the course you are upgrading to refresh your memory of the content of the courses.

2. Read
Read the collateral reading materials listed for that course. You will read approximately 200-250 pages of collateral reading per course.

3. Write
Document your reading with a reading report and upload to your faculty advisor for comment.

Depending on your Individualized Evaluation, you will write short course essays or longer sequence essays which you will upload for faculty comment.

Your essays will be based on your reading and on your previous study of the INSTE books.

Prepare the Documents for Submission
- Following the guidelines in the program syllabus, you will prepare a binder of the reading reports.
- Another binder will contain the essays written throughout the program.
- If you lack Beyond Academics credit you will also prepare the Ministry Portfolio according to the requirements for that credit.

Cost
Transfer of credit evaluation ............................................ $75
Enrollment Fees .......................................................... $40
Tuition ............................................................................. $1440
You will receive an additional hour of credit per course. The tuition is based on the present cost of a credit x 24 hours.
Graduation Fee ............................................................. $50
Subtotal ........................................................................... $1605
Collateral Reading Books: ............................................. $350
Total Cost for the Program ............................................. $1995
+12 hours of Beyond Academics credit ................. $720
(Only graduates who have not previously received Beyond Academics credit)
Total Cost with Beyond Academics......................... $2,715

Evaluation
Since you have already taken the INSTE courses and received credit for them, your reports and thesis will be evaluated on a stand-alone basis; that is, each of the upgraded courses will be listed on your transcript as an upgrade to that course—one hour credit per course with the corresponding grade you receive on your writing. Therefore, each course with bear the three hours of credit required for a degree.

Graduation
You will be granted the degree for which you qualify at the next graduation following successful completion of the program requirements. You will be included in the mailings for the graduating Class.

Degrees Granted by INSTE
INSTE grants the degree Associate of Arts and the Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology, which requires 15 or 36 semester hours of credit respectively transferred from a duly accredited university. A.A. B.A.

Humanities.......................... 3-9 hours* ...... 6-24 hours**
Math and Science ............. 3-9 hours* ...... 6-24 hours**
Social Science.................... 3-9 hours* ...... 6-24 hours**

*A minimum of three hours in each division.
**A minimum of six hours in each division.