

## **GLOBAL RELIGIOUS SCIENCE MINISTRIES PROFESSIONAL SEMINARY**

The Seminary is the educational component of GRSM. It offers classroom training and informal study groups. The Seminary includes all accredited full-time and part-time programs offered by its members. Most GRSM educational programs are part-time evening courses that follow an academic school year. The early courses in the series may be facilitated by practitioners or ministers. Practitioner and ministerial courses are lead by ministers. Students enrolled in the doctorate program are assigned a sponsor. Information on classes and accreditation is available from GRSM.

### **SEMINARY PROGRAM FOR 2007-8**

GRSM facilitators are given great latitude in the methods and materials used, and the order of presentation of topics. A booklist is available to enrolled students and facilitators. A sample part-time curriculum is described below.

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#### **Science of Mind Year I**

Introduces the Science of Mind philosophy and spiritual mind treatment. Brief overview of New Thought. Teaches that we are all both student and teacher in the educational process.

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#### **Science of Mind Year II**

Continues to explore Science of Mind; introduces other New Thought authors and New Thought history. More advanced study of spiritual mind treatment and meditation. Introduces other great books of wisdom with a focus on metaphysical Bible interpretation. Examines the role of Jesus the Christ as the Way-shower.

### **Science of Mind Year III**

Focuses on applied healing practices; continues exploration of great books of wisdom. Students concentrate on their spiritual unfoldment and work in dyads and groups using a variety of healing methodologies. Students begin to serve as apprentice practitioners in their centers. Completion of third year includes an additional assignment, such as an experiential learning workshop or other enrichment opportunity.

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### **Licensure of Practitioners**

Those completing third year may complete the prerequisites that prepare them to apply for licensure as practitioners. (For more information, see Credentialing Policies and Procedures: Practitioners.)

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### **Science of Mind Year IV (Ministerial I)**

Introduction to New Thought ministry, including spiritual psychology and conducting church services. Covers early New Thought and esoteric writers and comparative religions. Students write a personal mission statement and an analytical term paper.

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### **Science of Mind Year V (Ministerial II)**

The capstone course for prospective ministers. Examines the ministry, rituals and the student's gifts. Covers spiritual psychology, pastoral counseling, public speaking, and church administration. Students complete a term paper on a relevant topic.

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## **Practicum**

Assignments vary from year to year and are negotiable with GRSM. Required of all ministerial students.

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## **Licentiate Ministers**

Individuals who have completed all required coursework and specific GRSM criteria are interviewed and evaluated by a panel of ministers. Upon recommendation and payment of the licensing fee, a qualified candidate is designated a Licentiate Minister of Religious Science. (For more information, see Credentialing Policies and Procedures: Ministers.)

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## **Ordination and Professional Recognition**

Ordination is conferred upon those ministers who have shown a mature working knowledge of SOM principles and practices and who exhibit a commitment to spreading this truth. Individuals apply to GRSM upon completion of appropriate apprenticeship in a church/center or mission/outreach role. Qualified candidates pay the ordination fee and are ordained into the ministry. Honorary professional designations may also be conferred in recognition of exceptional service. (For more information, see Credentialing Policies and Procedures: Ordination.)

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## **Doctorate Programs**

An honorary doctorate degree may be conferred in recognition of exceptional service, and a Doctor of Divinity degree may be earned through a combination of service and scholarship. (For more information, see Credentialing Policies and Procedures: Doctorate Programs.)

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