

# Wesley Theological Seminary's Prospectus for an Educational Partnership: A Certificate to Prepare and Equip Faith & Health Collaborators



**The Need for Faith and Health Education Among Multi-Sectors:** Faith communities, public health, local and federal governments, hospitals, nonprofits all face a growing scarcity of money and resources to fulfill their own missions. There is an increasing desire and consciousness by all of these groups that they can better meet their mission by working with others. In respect to health, these groups know they cannot adequately address or improve health disparities on their own. Health is shaped by numerous social determinants, gainful employment, affordable housing, access to healthy, fresh food, etc., which are beyond the control of any one group. Each sector is often ill-prepared or unequipped to take on all of these determinants alone. There is often a lack of awareness of culture, language, and motivations within and between the groups. There is a basic need for foundational education and preparation to help people understand faith and health language, systems, structures, and cultures in these groups. Committed to living out its educational mission to address these gaps, Wesley Theological Seminary has developed a Health Minister Certificate to equip people in developing basic and foundational knowledge and skills in faith and health.

## **Wesley Theological Seminary's Health Minister Certificate:**

- 22 contact hour educational program offered by the seminary's Heal the Sick program which equips congregations, public health workers, social workers, hospital employees, government workers, and others with foundational language, skills, and knowledge in faith and health; including personal and communal asset mapping skills
- The certificate learning format can be online (10 weeks) or in person (usually over two weekends).
- The curriculum is based on national best practices for health ministry from the Health Ministries Association, a national faith and health organization; the curriculum is reviewed annually and updated.

## **Opportunities for Denominations, Public Health, Healthcare Systems, and Foundations:**

- **Support & Invest in Certificate Training** to Begin Equipping Your Local Faith and Health Collaboration/Network
- Partner with Heal the Sick by offering **Certificate Scholarships** for your respective constituents, members, etc.
- Negotiate Certificate **Group Discounts** tailored to Your Groups Needs with Heal the Sick program

If your group is interested in a potential educational partnership with Wesley Theological Seminary, please contact Tom Pruski at the Heal the Sick program at 202-706-6843 or [tpruski@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:tpruski@wesleyseminary.edu)