Description of the Associate of Applied Science Program (AAS)

The associate of applied science program is a postsecondary professional degree intended for persons who hold a high school diploma or equivalency certificate (GED), but who have not completed a baccalaureate degree. This program requires sixty semester hours of academic credit for graduation.

Educational Objectives of the Associate of Applied Science Program

The educational and career goals of the AAS program include training students for effective ministry as religious instructors, pastors, church staff members, and ministerial workers in the New York area and across the Northeast. The degree has approval and has been registered by the Board of Regents of the State Education Department of New York.

The AAS program is designed to: provide quality ministry training for students who will pursue no further studies beyond it, be transferable into an accredited Bachelors program if the student chooses, and offer college level ministry training to students with GED or high school diplomas.

Emphases of the Associate of Applied Science Program

Pastoral Ministries
The AAS with an emphasis in pastoral ministries seeks to guide students to understand, develop, and utilize the essential skills for ministry in the effective performance of pastoral leadership roles in the church, including preaching, teaching, worship leadership, pastoral leadership, pastoral ministry, personal counseling, evangelism, and missions.

Church Ministries
The AAS with an emphasis in church ministries seeks to guide students to understand, develop, and utilize the essential skills for ministry in the effective performance of educational leadership roles in the church, including teaching, educational leadership, age graded ministry, administration, evangelism, and missions.