



SEBAH-COB

**Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano
de la Iglesia de los Hermanos**

ENTRY MATERIALS 2021

Student Profiles and Applications
Accepted Year Round

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Persons who successfully complete the program have fulfilled the educational requirements for ordination.

What is SeBAH-COB?

SeBAH-CoB is a training program that promotes a biblical and theological identity that is faithful to the Anabaptist and Pietist heritage. It is geared toward capacity-building of ministers in a way that is specific to the needs of Hispanic Church of the Brethren congregations in the United States. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, SeBAH-CoB prepares students to focus their service within their congregation, without removing them from their context.

All courses are 12 weeks long and are taught online by Mennonite and Brethren instructors. Four courses are offered each year. Video conferencing (Zoom, Skype, Whatsapp) may also be used to allow for interaction between students and the instructors. In addition to coursework, all students engage in supervised ministry (internship) and attend at least one District Conference and one Annual Conference during their time of study. District SeBAH Coordinators provide support and guidance to students during their training.

Who Offers the SeBAH-COB Program?

SeBAH-COB is a certificate-level, Spanish-language ministry training program coordinated by the Brethren Academy in partnership with the districts and the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA), Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education office.

All students enter SeBAH-COB with the approval and support of their district. District-appointed SeBAH coordinators oversee the program, providing guidance and support to students. Students who move to a new district while enrolled in SeBAH-COB shall notify the Brethren Academy Office, the district coordinator from the previous district, and the district coordinator of the new district. In order to continue in SeBAH-COB, a student must have the approval and support of the new district.

Who Can Participate in SeBAH-COB?

Those committed to Jesus Christ and the church who

- sense a call to ministry in the Church of the Brethren and are willing to test that call
- have a high school diploma (or equivalent) and the ability to do college-level work
- wish to fulfill education requirements for ordination or to upgrade previous training.
- have gifts for ministry, discerned and affirmed by the congregation and the district
- have the self-motivation to pursue a disciplined course of study for ministry

What Does SeBAH-COB Cost?

The total cost of the SeBAH-COB program will depend on the progress of the student through the program (i.e. how many courses the student chooses to take per year). Below are the various costs involved in the program.

- Enrollment Fee: \$55, due at time of application
- Individual Course Fee: \$375, to be divided between the student, the congregation and the district
- Cost related to Experiences

Financial Assistance is available for students taking 2 or more courses a year and for students attending Annual Conference to meet SeBAH requirement

Whom do I contact about SeBAH-COB?

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SeBAH-COB Documents Available in Spanish Upon Request.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS FACT SHEET

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The admissions process into the SeBAH-COB program consists of the following steps:

1. The district determines whether to recommend a person for SeBAH-COB, preferably in consultation with the district SeBAH coordinator. A high school diploma (or the equivalent) is a prerequisite for entrance into the SeBAH-COB program.
2. The district executive/minister fills out and signs the *Prospective Student Profile* and mails it to the Brethren Academy office. The entrance process includes a background check, initiated by the district through the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry. The profile requires the date of submission to the district office along with the initials of the district executive/minister.
3. The Brethren Academy sends a SeBAH-COB application to the prospective student, who will complete and return it to the Brethren Academy with the enrollment fee of \$55. Districts differ in their determination of who pays this enrollment fee. A copy of the completed application form is sent to the district by the Brethren Academy as a courtesy. As an application is considered, Brethren Academy staff may interview the student by telephone or video conferencing platform.
4. Upon acceptance into the program, the student participates in an orientation via video conferencing with the director of the Mennonite Education Agency, Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education office.
5. Depending upon their academic background, the student may also take a course introducing them to academic reading, writing and use of the online learning tool Moodle.
6. Students may enter the program at any time.

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STUDENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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The Program Includes:

- Orientation with the Director of Hispanic Ministries for Pastoral and Leadership Education, Mennonite Education Agency
- Courses
 - From Thought to the Page (as needed)
 - Understanding the Bible
 - Theology of Pastoral Ministry
 - Spirituality and Discipleship
 - Theology of Preaching and Worship
 - History of the Christian People
 - Pastoral Companionship or Ministry and Conflict Transformation
 - Reflection/Action Methodology
 - Pastoral Project
 - The Gospel of Matthew
 - Church of the Brethren Ethics, Polity and Administration
 - Church of the Brethren History and Theology
 - Church Vitality and Evangelism
- Supervised Ministry
- Attendance at Annual Conference and District Conference at least once

The courses and experiences in blue will be coordinated by the Brethren Academy.

All courses offered online utilizing Moodle and/or other forms of educational technology.

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Graduation is recognized with a certificate at the student's district conference and with recognition at Bethany Theological Seminary/Brethren Academy Luncheon at Annual Conference.

REQUISITO DEL PROGRAMA PARA EL ESTUDIANTE

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El Programa Incluye:

- Orientación con el Director de Ministerios Hispanos para la Educación Pastoral y de Liderazgo, Agencia de Educación Menonita
- Los Cursos
 - Del Pensamiento a la Pagina (según sea necesario)
 - Comprendiendo la Biblia
 - Teología del Ministerio Pastoral
 - Espiritualidad y Discipulado Cristiano
 - Teología de la Predicación y del Culto
 - Historia del Pueblo Cristiano
 - Pastoral del acompañamiento o Ministerio y Transformación de Conflicto
 - Metodología de Reflexión y Acción
 - Proyecto Pastoral
 - [El Evangelio de Mateo](#)
 - [La Ética, Política e Administración de la Iglesia de los Hermanos](#)
 - [La Historia y Teológica de la Iglesia de los Hermanos](#)
 - [Vitalidad de la Iglesia y Evangelismo](#)
- [Ministerio Supervisado](#)
- [Asistencia a la Conferencia Anual y del Distrito por lo menos una vez](#)

[Los cursos y experiencias en azul serán coordinados por la Academia de Hermanos.](#)

Todos los cursos se ofrecerán en línea utilizando Moodle y / u otras formas de tecnología educativa.

Los compromisos financieros incluyen:

- Cuota de inscripción: \$ 55, al momento de la solicitud
- Cuota de curso individual: \$375, que se dividirán entre el estudiante, la congregación y el distrito
- Costo de las experiencias relacionadas

La asistencia financiera está disponible para los estudiantes que toman 2 o más cursos al año y para los estudiantes que asisten a la Conferencia Anual para cumplir con los requisitos de SeBAH-COB.

La graduación se reconoce con un certificado en la conferencia de distrito del estudiante y con un reconocimiento en el Seminario Teológico Bethany / Brethren Academy Luncheon en la Conferencia Anual.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

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Preliminary Assignments

1. Consult with District Ministry Commission/District Board (or equivalent) to secure district backing for involvement in program, including budgeting of district support for each SeBAH-COB student.
2. Contact candidates that may be best trained for ministry through SeBAH-COB or respond to candidates who approach the district.
3. Submit a *Prospective Student Profile* for each eligible candidate to the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership.
4. Promote SeBAH-COB as a potential track for ministry training with individuals for whom it would be appropriate.
5. In conjunction with the District Ministry Commission (DMC), secure a qualified person, ideally seminary-trained, to serve as the district SeBAH-COB coordinator or Coordinator of Spanish-Language Ministry Training. Encourage the DMC to clarify how the district will handle the matter of the coordinator's expenses.

Assignments After Student Admission to Program

1. Alongside the District Ministry Commission, determine the way in which the district SeBAH-COB coordinator will communicate with the DMC regarding SeBAH-COB student progress.
2. Ensure the availability of a spiritually reflective experience to the student. This could be through the district calling cohort or a ministry formation group led by the district SeBAH-COB coordinator.
3. Be in contact with the Brethren Academy office for any questions or comments regarding the district SeBAH-COB coordinator or Coordinator of Spanish-Language Ministry Training regarding their leadership and/or student progress.
4. Work with/respond to the district SeBAH-COB coordinator or Coordinator of Spanish-Language Ministry Training in securing appropriate placement for meeting the SeBAH-COB requirement of a Supervised Ministry internship. (i.e. find second-staff, interims or other suitable opportunities for pastoral ministry that may be supervised).
5. Work with the district coordinators in planning for an appropriate recognition of all graduating Academy students, typically during District Conference, or other district-wide event.

District SeBAH-COB Coordinator

POSITION DESCRIPTION

SeBAH-COB is a ministry training program approved by the Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren. SeBAH-COB, when successfully completed, satisfies the educational component needed for ordination. SeBAH-COB is administrated through the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, a joint venture of the Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren and Bethany Theological Seminary. SeBAH-COB is also offered in partnership with the Mennonite Education Agency, Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education office.

The position is best served by one whom:

- is fluently bilingual,
- has significant experience in ministry or in other leadership in the church,
- is well grounded in the beliefs and practices of the Church of the Brethren,
- has a heart for the future leadership of the church,
- is an encourager who is willing to be reflective and honest with students,
- has excellent communication skills, including online communication,
- has the time to spend with the students in a district as well as to complete the paperwork of a ministry training program,
- is willing to guide students toward the strengthening of their own faith while leaving the exact shape that faith might take to God, and
- is comfortable with advising students while realizing that some final decisions in ministry training need to be made by the staff of the Brethren Academy.

New district SeBAH-COB coordinators are **trained** for their position by the Coordinator of Spanish-Language Ministry Training for the Brethren Academy.

The **activities** of a district coordinator vary somewhat from district to district but generally include:

- Check on progress of students throughout the course.
- Make arrangements for occasional meetings between students and academy staff on site in your District.
- Promote SeBAH-COB in the district and actively recruit new students.
- Periodically meet with all SeBAH-COB students together for the purpose of ministry formation.
- Take responsibility for the Supervised Ministry requirement, working with the District Executive to match students with supervisors, keeping track of completed event forms, and reporting on progress to the Academy office.
- Submit a regular quarterly report to the Academy on the progress of the District's students.
- Keep the district leadership up to date on the progress of students.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT PROFILE

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To be completed by the district executive/minister

1. Name of Student _____
2. Address _____
3. Phone _____ E-mail _____
4. Church which student attends/serves:
Congregation/location _____
District _____
5. Ministerial status: ___pre-licensed ___licensed ___other
6. District SeBAH-COB Coordinator (Check one):
____ Will be (supply name) _____
____ Is not yet appointed, but we have one or more prospects
7. Training beyond high school (students are expected to have the equivalent of a high school diploma)

8. Present employment status _____

9. The person described above (*Check each item that applies*):

- ___ Has been contacted by the district and is interested in SeBAH-COB
- ___ Has the ability to do college-level work
- ___ Is computer literate
- ___ Has a valid call to ministry, supported by the district
- ___ Is open to training in Brethren institutions
- ___ Needs SeBAH-COB to complete educational requirements for ordination
- ___ Is already ordained, but would profit from additional training

10. The applicant has submitted a completed Criminal Background check to our office on _____ (date of submission). **District executive's initial required** _____.

If the applicant has not had a Criminal Background check within the past three years, he/she will need to complete one before entering the training program at the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership. Background checks are initiated by the district through the Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry.

11. The district agrees to pay its portion of the SeBAH-COBH course fees for this student.

Signature of district executive/minister

Date

Send Completed Form to:
Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership
615 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374

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