

Beza Teacher Certification Program

In Partnership with Forge Theological Seminary

As a student nears the completion of the MTS in Classical Christian Education (CCE) program at Forge Theological Seminary, they may choose to pursue a Beza Teacher Certification through the [Beza Institute for Reformed Classical Education](#).

The Beza Institute exists to promote Classical Christian Education from a distinctly confessional Reformed perspective for the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.

Certification Requirements

In order to receive the Beza Teacher Certification, students must:

1. Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours in the MTS in CCE program
2. Successfully complete the Beza Capstone Practicum



Beza Capstone Practicum

The Beza Capstone Practicum is a one-semester (approximately four-month) supervised field experience designed to integrate theological formation, pedagogical theory, and classroom practice.

The practicum functions as a structured apprenticeship, equipping candidates with practical tools for faithful service in classical Christian education. Students who complete the practicum will receive a Teacher Certification as well as a letter of recommendation from their mentor teacher.

Required Components

1. Mentored Check-Ins (4 Formal Meetings)

Each candidate will meet online with an assigned mentor-teacher or supervisor throughout the semester.

Schedule:

Month 1: Orientation & philosophy of education alignment, book discussion

Month 2: Lesson planning review and feedback, book discussion

Month 3: Midpoint teaching observation and formative feedback, book discussion

Month 4: Final evaluation, book discussion

2. Classroom Lesson Recordings (2 Required Lessons)

Candidates will record two classroom lessons (or home lessons) for review by their assigned mentor.

These recordings should demonstrate:

- Classical pedagogical method
- Clear instructional design and classroom leadership
- Integration of content, discussion, and formation

3. Sample Assignment Portfolio

Candidates will submit three representative student assignments or instructional artifacts, such as:

1. Writing assignments with rubrics
2. Exams or assessments
3. Socratic seminar guides or discussion frameworks

Each submission should include a brief explanation of its purpose and formative intent.

4. Required Reading & Written Reflection

Candidates will read the following texts and discuss them with their mentor teacher:

1. *Tried and True*
2. *Teaching for Spiritual Formation*
3. *Something They Shall Not Forget*

Discussions should demonstrate thoughtful engagement with each work, focusing on implications for classroom practice and student formation.

Program Oversight

Each candidate will remain under the guidance of a mentor teacher or supervisor throughout the duration of the practicum. The mentor provides feedback, evaluation, and final certification recommendation.

Program Cost

The cost of the Beza Capstone Practicum is \$180, payable to the Beza Institute for Reformed Classical Education. Payments may be split up monthly. Interested students should contact info@bezainstitute.org to enroll.