



NEW STUDENT HANDBOOK

Introduction

Dear Student,

Welcome to **Shekinah Leadership Institute**, a Wagner Leadership Institute Regional School! We are glad that you are a part of this new concept in training.

Shekinah Leadership Institute (SLI) trains and equips men and women for leadership positions in local churches, trans-local ministries, and the workplace. Shekinah Leadership Institute's goal is to equip leaders in necessary skills for effective ministry.

The educational paradigm of **Shekinah Leadership Institute** (SLI) differs considerably from traditional academic models of ministerial or ordination-track education. The new methodology of training, following patterns of contemporary adult education, is not based exclusively or even primarily on a classroom format, programmed to meet predetermined academic standards. Rather, it incorporates a variety of learning events and experiences which are offered as a basis for earning training units.

Because of the uniqueness of **Shekinah Leadership Institute** (SLI), we ask that you read through this handbook so you become very familiar with our policies and practices. If you have any questions or comments, please call our office. Our goal is to make your time an enjoyable experience.

Blessings!

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Chancellor





EDUCATIONAL FORMAT – GRADING

The focus on training in **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** is a school “*where teaching and impartation lead to activation and application.*” This is not to deny the importance of information, but rather it is to affirm that relevant information will be provided in a context of imparting skills and anointing for practical ministry. Ministry in the Spirit receives equal emphasis to ministry in the Word of Truth.

Unlike purely academic training, which measures head knowledge alone, Shekinah Leadership Institute (SLI) recognized the impartation of revelation unique to the students’ life and experience as well as “head knowledge”. The student best does the measuring of the impact of the anointing and revelation. Therefore, grades are not given for courses or training experiences. Instead, the student completes a self-study paper to try to communicate the depth of impartation the course has provided.

HOW TO ENROLL IN A CLASS, CONFERENCE, OR EVENT

In order to complete the requirements to earn a diploma, you must earn a specific number of training units (TUs) as stated in the letter that you received from **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** when you were accepted as a student. New students will need to take core courses and attend at least one course with each of the 10 core faculty members prior to completing their first diploma program.

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In the **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)**, there are a variety of ways you can earn your TUs.

Classroom courses provided directly by **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** are the major training components. While the format will vary according to the need, a typical model is a 2-day course, taught by one or more practitioners in the field. However, various conferences, seminars, and events will also be certified for training units.





SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI) COURSES

SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI) has a web page available at www.shekinahchurch.org. This web page has an up-to-date listing of all classes and certified conferences. Throughout the year we will send you a copy of the latest **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** classes. If you do not have internet access please contact **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** and we will send you a list of conferences approved for credit. If you would like to register for one of the classes, please contact our office to enroll or complete an application on line. Some of the classes may fill up, so it is important to register in advance. After the class you will have 90 days to complete and turn in your requirements.

To reserve your spot in a classroom you will need to pay your tuition for the class prior to attending or on the first day of the course. We also require that your prior tuition be paid in full before attending any courses.

If you take a course for training units, you will not be allowed to take it a second time for training units. Those working on a diploma program cannot audit a course.

It is the responsibility of the student to take care of their financial obligations to **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)**.

Registering for a Conference for Credit

If you are going to take a conference for credit, please register for the conference and then contact **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** with the topic, speakers, cost, dates, and time. The registration fee you pay will be deducted from the tuition. **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** will inform you of the number of training units can receive for the event. This is to inform you of the number of training units you will receive if you choose to submit the homework. **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI) will not register you for the event.**

Self Directed Study

If you desire to earn training units by attending a conference, event, or seminar that is not **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** certified, you could do so as a self-directed study. In order to do this you must complete the *Self-Directed Study Proposal Form* and submit it for approval. Once this form is approved you must turn in your assignments and pay the tuition 90 days after the seminar or event that you attended.





Home Based Study

Several of the **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** (SLI) courses are available in a computer audio format through **WLI Central**. Please visit www.wagnerleadership.org on line to see the home-based study courses available.





TUITION

After you are an official **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** student:

- Your tuition must be paid before you can attend a SLI class.
- Your tuition needs to be paid to receive training units for all self-directed or home-based studies.

If you fail to attend a class, there will be a \$25 per course cancellation fee.

SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI) tuition is due at the time of registration for courses. Assignments must be turned in within 90 days after the class or event.

UNCONVENTIONAL WAYS TO EARN TRAINING UNITS

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Available to all **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** Students—

- Mission trips – one week is usually worth 6 TUs, up to 24 TUs per year
- 4 TUs can be earned per year for on-the-job experience

Available to Pastors and Parachurch Ministers—

- Pastors whose church grew 10% a year in attendance – 12TUs plus an additional 2 TUs for each 10% increment, up to 14 TUs per year
- Preaching in another church – 2 TUs, up to 10 per year
- Teaching at a conference plenary session – 1 TU for each session, up to 10 per year. Additional training units are available if the minister listens to the other conference speakers.
- Parachurch Minister – 12 TUs for doing a good job each year

In order to receive the training units for the above, you must complete the Self-Directed Study form. Once the form is approved the student will need to do a self-evaluation paper and pay the tuition to receive the training units.





GUIDELINES TO HELP YOU COMPLETE YOUR ASSIGNMENTS

The first thing to remember when completing your assignments is to use whatever will help you. We have designed the **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** to have as few restrictions as possible. We have done this to allow you the freedom to learn in your own style and at your own pace.

Your first assignment after attending a certified conference, class, or seminar is to write a self-evaluation paper. You can write this paper in any style or format that you desire. The purpose of this paper is to help you assimilate what you have learned. A typical outline would be as follows (remember this is only a suggestion): list the event, location, list of primary speakers, general overview of the event, your reaction to the event, how the event impacted you, and how you will apply the event to your life and ministry. The best self-evaluation paper minors on description and majors on analysis and application. The minimal length of the paper will be one page, although we recommend 3-5 pages.

If you decide to do optional reading to earn the assigned number of training units you must complete one reading report form for each book that you read and they must be submitted with your self-evaluation paper and cover sheet.

NEW STUDENT REFERRAL PROGRAM

We recognize that the best way to recruit new students is by word of mouth. Therefore, as of January, 2007, we are offering all students an incentive to help us get new students. If you refer a person to **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** and they become an official student we will give you one free class equal to 3-6 TU's.

In order to earn this award the prospective student must list your name on the application, clearly stating that you referred them to **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)**. Once they become an official student and pay tuition you will receive your credit for the course.

RECORDING OF COURSES AND PROPHECIES

Most of the **SHEKINAH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SLI)** courses are made available in audio. After the course, you will be able to purchase audio of a course once it is edited and compressed into a file. We do not allow any personal tape recordings of courses. Please see the home-based study catalog for further information.





SLI will attempt to have handheld recorders available for capturing personal prophecies. However, sometimes they are not all recorded due to mechanical or other problems. It is the student's responsibility to tape the prophecies. We will not pull them from the audio masters. They will be deleted from the home base study audio.

DIPLOMA COMPLETION

Once you complete your initial diploma program, you will need to begin at "0" training units for the next diploma program if you choose to continue in the Institute. This would apply to the Bachelor and Master of Practical Ministry.

DOCTORAL GRADUATES- AUDIT FEE

After you graduate with a Doctor of Practical Ministry diploma, you may audit a course for a discounted fee.

