
Urban Youth Worker Certificate

The Breakdown

- *The Urban Youth Worker Certificate is the only graduate level youth worker certificate on the east coast.*
- *Contextualized to fit the need of the urban context.*
- *Taught by Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Professors and Boston's interdisciplinary leaders.*
- *Certificate Length: 5 classes*
- *Completion Time: 15 months*
- *Certificate Cost: \$80 per class*
- *Class Length: One Week*
- *For More Info: 617.427.7293 x6210 or nexus@bostonnexus.org and be sure to check out www.bostonnexus.org for more information and class schedule*
- *Winter 2008 classes: Urban Systems as They Affect Youth (Jan. 11-12, 14-19)*

Shouldn't a certificate program seek to educate students about the context they are working in? That is why neXus Boston, along with Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's Center for Ministerial Education (CUME), is excited to offer the *only graduate level Urban Youth Worker Certificate* on the East Coast! Instead of taking students out of the city to educate them, we educate them in the city, with some of the country's best educators.

The Urban Youth Worker Certificate is a five-class graduate level certificate program. The classes cover everything from a basic theology and understanding of urban youth ministry, to an in-depth look at the systemic issues facing youth, and what strategies can be implemented to change not just urban youth, but the whole urban environment. If done year round, the certificate will take only 15 months to complete. The classes are offered in week-long intensive formats. This means that one ought to complete most of the reading prior to the class, and then class time will be used for lectures from a variety of teachers and plenty time for group learning through thoughtful discussion and projects. Classes are offered Friday night and all morning Saturday, as well as in the evening on the following Monday-Saturday. If you are coming in from out of town, let us know and we can try to provide housing for a minimal cost. One of the

best parts is that each course only costs \$80! Think of this as a week long conference, at only \$80! But you get much more than a conference because you can walk away with the only graduate level *Urban Youth Worker Certificate* on the East Coast.

The Classes

The Urban Youth Ministry Certificate consists of five courses taken at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's CUME campus. These five classes can be taken in any order, although the suggested order is below

Theology and Models of Urban Youth Ministry: An Overview

Effective Relationships: Healing & Growth in Youth Ministry

Urban Systems as They Affect Youth

Building Urban Youth Programs

Strategy & Management of Youth Programs

Other Courses - *Adolescent Spirituality: Faith Development in a Post-Modern World.*