



Welcome to Porterbrook Quad Cities!

The decision to jump into something like Porterbrook is rarely “logical” and yet we know the reality is that many of you have questions, concerns, or simply want more details. You’ll find all that here!

Why should you pursue theological training through Porterbrook Quad Cities?

Simply: if we’re going to fulfill the missions and visions of our churches to make disciples, plant churches, and renew our cities, then we need to be equipped to do so! If we’re going to live well in community and on mission, we need to be equipped to do so! Porterbrook exists to develop us in these areas and train us up to spread the gospel.

Who should pursue training through Porterbrook Quad Cities?

Everyone. Porterbrook is designed in a way that anyone from pastors and seminary graduates - to new believers hungry for growth, can all learn and grow in their discipleship! Past students include pastors and church staff, teachers, factory workers, hedge-fund managers, nurses, small business owners, retired grandparents, stay at home moms, and many more!

How is Porterbrook structured?

There are three key components of Porterbrook learning. They include:

- **Content:** The Porterbrook material itself is designed to be read individually, and each student commits to personally reading assigned material each week. This is the basis of what you’ll learn in Porterbrook. [You can find the material outline in this packet.](#)
- **Cohort:** The Porterbrook material is meant to not just be taken in on your own, but applied to your own life in community and on mission. You can’t do this alone! So each student commits to participating in a cohort study group to dig deep into studied material together and help each other apply it to the real stuff of life. This is the foundation for all that you’ll learn in Porterbrook. [A helpful guide to what a cohort is like can be found in this packet.](#)
- **Seminar Day:** All students come together four times during the year for the purpose of practicing leadership and communication, furthering their learning under exceptional guest speakers, and enjoying a day of rest between studies. This is the cherry on top of all you’ll learn in Porterbrook.

The Porterbrook experience hinges on all three of those components. It is absolutely vital that students fully engage in all components.

What does the Porterbrook schedule look like?

Running from September to May, Porterbrook takes place in three 10-week terms. [The 2022/2023 schedule can be found in this packet](#). The schedule guides students every week on where they should be in their material, and gives plenty of heads up for important dates and assignments for the entire year.

What is the material like?

Each of the three terms includes four separate courses of study, each with nine units. Each week, students read one unit from each course.

Character	Bible & Doctrine	Church	World
Living and leading out of a gospel-changed heart	Understanding and teaching the entire story of the Bible	Establishing, growing, and leading a community on mission	Understanding our culture and context, and engaging others with the gospel

The material is all based online, and once purchased, students are able to read and use online, on their personal devices, or print and compile their own hard copies.

Each term contains written assignments, prompted by questions provided to students at the start of the year. Each student will end the term by writing four 1-page papers (one for each course), and turn these in on Seminar Days. The purpose of written assignments is to gauge how well students are grasping the material they've studied, their ability to articulate things succinctly, and how their studies are being applied in their own heart, and life in community and on mission.

[Sample questions, along with a helpful rubric, can be viewed in this packet](#).

During the Seminar Days, students will also be placed in groups for assignment presentations. Each group will have four students presenting (one for each assignment). This is a time for the presenters to grow in articulating what they've studied, and for all students to grow in their ability to critically discuss and engage the course material together.

How much does it cost?

For this coming year, the total cost of Porterbrook will be \$400, which covers all your materials as well as oversight for your student experience and hosting of Seminar Days.

- *There is also a discount for spouses both doing Porterbrook at the same time. One spouse pays the regular price, and the second student pays \$250 (\$650 total).*

For other questions or concerns

Let us know! There can be many barriers, worries, or excuses causing hesitation for you, so let us help you break through those! Simply email ben@sacredcitychurch.com so we can help!