FIELD EDUCATION
FOUR-WEEK SUMMER INTENSIVE

Four-week, intensive field education during the summer is available for three credit hours to seminarians who:
1. Want to continue at their current (parochial or non-parochial) field site, or
2. Whose current FE site is a parish, but who take the initiative to engage in FE at a non-parochial site (these students can choose to do an eight-week intensive instead, also for three credits).

Summer intensive field education has the same basic requirements as during the academic year, except that the experience is more concentrated.

The program has the following elements:

• Four, 40-hour weeks of training, or an equivalent.
• Regular weekly supervision of the seminarian for at least one hour.
• Regular, weekly, lay committee meetings for at least one hour and a half. Committee should have enough members to ensure that four are present at each meeting. Members should miss no more than one meeting. (Optional for non-parochial sites)
• A written description of the program, including agreement to the first three points above and the beginning and ending dates of the internship, sent to the Director of Field Education by the intended supervisor of the seminarian.
• Written learning goals by the seminarian, acknowledged by the supervisor.
• A written assessment of the seminarian by the lay committee, given to the supervisor before the evaluation and sent to the Director of Field Education. (Optional for non-parochial sites)
• A written evaluation of the seminarian’s work and learning by both the seminarian and supervisor, with a copy to the Director of Field Education.
• A written reflection paper by the seminarian on day-to-day ministry at the site.

In order to register your internship for three field education credits, the following is due by May 22:

• A written description of the program, including agreement to the first three points above and the beginning and ending dates of the internship, sent to the Director of Field Education by the intended supervisor of the seminarian. The enclosed agreement form can be used.
• Written learning goals by the seminarian, acknowledged and signed by the supervisor.
• The name, address, and e-mail of the lay committee convener (Optional for non-parochial sites).

In order to begin your internship, your written learning goals must be approved and signed by the Director of Field Education.

NOTE 1: The supervisor may be away for no more than one of the four weeks, with an assigned substitute supervisor chosen from the clergy staff or vestry and an assigned on-call priest for emergency consultation.

NOTE 2: Any financial arrangements are to be freely negotiated between the seminarian and supervisor. There are no financial considerations between the Virginia Seminary and the field education site or supervisor.

NOTE 3: Seminarians taking a four-week intensive field education for credit during the summer will be charged the current tuition rate by VTS for this course.