

# A Golden Opportunity

Dear *Certificate Program* Students,

I pray that the 2017-2018 academic year has been a good and productive one for you. Our Director, Dr. Lucy Cano, and I write to invite you to think seriously about enrolling for the *Writing for Theological Education* course given in June 2018.

Everyone can benefit from the course, but if you have struggled with your writing during your study at the Seminary, this is a golden opportunity for you to work on problem areas and to build stronger skills. The class is only four weeks long; therefore, it is an intensive course.

My goal as instructor is to seek to address the unique writing concerns of each student. For some students, it is a matter of ***reviewing strategies for getting started and knowing a systematic way to develop ideas for optimal results***. For others, it is an ***opportunity to review the basics***, and for still others, it is a matter of simply ***exploring voice and critical thinking in writing as you seek better ways of addressing writing assignments***.

The course, then, moves from a review of the basics to more challenging assignments of ***research integration in developing a piece of writing. We review documentation, writing footnotes and building a bibliography***. We look at the entire writing approach as process rather than as product. To this end, an exploration of ***revision strategies*** is at the core of our work.

Indeed, this is a golden opportunity. From 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for four Saturdays in June, we work on the above-named areas and have a great deal of satisfaction as we move through the course and as students see progress being made. **You have many rich ideas and have much to write about as a Seminary student. This course will help you to make your expression of these in writing a joy.** I pray you will take advantage of this opportunity. Continued success at the Seminary and in your professional and personal lives.

Yours in Christ,  
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