

Cherry Hill Seminary: FAQs

Why should Pagans go to seminary?

Many in our Pagan communities feel the call of service to others. For some that means work as a counselor. For others it means leading a coven, grove or other organization. Others simply want to deepen their own understanding of the Pagan path. Professional training is particularly important for those who would serve as chaplains in our armed forces, hospitals, correctional facilities, or other institutional settings.

What's the difference between Cherry Hill Seminary and other Pagan schools?

There are a wide variety of training programs available to most students today, ranging from local private groups to larger schools and organizations such as ADF and Ardantane. Cherry Hill is not intended to replace such tradition-specific training, but rather complement and supplement it with training that prepares an individual for community service and ministry.

Can I get a real degree at Cherry Hill Seminary?

We have received our state letter of exemption, and anticipate being able to roll out our Master's Degrees program, plus a new community education department for non-degree-seeking students, before the end of 2009.

Is Cherry Hill Seminary accredited?

We are actively working to position CHS for future accreditation. It is a lengthy procedure with stringent requirements, but we voted our commitment to accreditation at our board retreat March 1, 2008.

Are you going to build someday?



Education in the global age means being accessible to students who may not choose or be able to relocate to a campus for their years of study. We'll continue our program of distance-learning, in time expanding our regional workshops & retreats.

Why do you need contributions? Don't you charge for classes?

Tuition is modestly-priced in order to make our programs accessible to as many individuals as possible. Charitable contributions make the difference between bare-bones courses and quality academics, management and customer service.

Is my gift tax-deductible?

Cherry Hill Seminary, Inc., is a charitable organization under IRS code 501(c)(3), and all contributions are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

Always asking for money - that's why I left my birth religion!

We've all seen so-called religious leaders abuse their position for financial gain. That is why Cherry Hill Seminary is committed to best practices in nonprofit management and full accountability for finances and other ethical issues. While it would be nice to get professional training for free, it's just not realistic in today's world. If you believe in our mission, we feel you will find fulfillment in your philanthropic support.

How do I make a contribution?

Mail to the address below, or call us to talk, or visit here to give online:
www.cherryhillseminary.org/support_onlinegiving.html