



## **Lifestyle Witnessing for Women**

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*The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church.*

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#### **Purpose of the Course**

The purpose of this course is to provide specialized training in lifestyle witnessing for women in the local church.

#### **Core Value Focus**

This seminary has five core values. The focal core value for 2016-2017 is Characteristic Excellence. This course supports the five core values of the seminary.

*Characteristic Excellence:* What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### **Curriculum Competencies Addressed**

NOBTS faculty members realize that all ministers need to develop specific competencies if they are going to have an effective ministry. To increase the likelihood of NOBTS graduates having an effective ministry, the faculty developed a competency-based curriculum after identifying seven essential competencies necessary for effective ministry. All graduates are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in all of the following seven areas:

*Biblical Exposition:* To interpret and communicate the Bible accurately.

*Christian Theological Heritage:* To understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church.

*Disciple Making:* To stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.

*Interpersonal Skills:* To perform pastoral care effectively, with skills in communication and conflict management.

*Servant Leadership:* To serve churches effectively through team ministry.

*Spiritual and Character Formation:* To provide moral leadership by modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion.

The curriculum competencies addressing in this course are: Biblical Exposition, Disciple Making, and Spiritual and Character Formation.

### **Course Catalog Description**

This course is designed to thoroughly discuss the nature of witnessing, the personal character of the witness, and the process of witnessing in order to empower women as personal witnesses and as leaders in witness training.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

By the completion of the course, each student will be able to:

1. Explore the nature of witnessing.
2. Understand how to be an effective witness.
3. Be familiar with witness training resources.
4. Implement strategies for evangelistic appeals and evangelistic events in her church women's ministry.

### **Textbooks**

The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.

#### **Required Texts**

1. Martin, Jaye. *HeartCall, New Heart: What it Means to Believe*. Houston, TX: Jaye Martin Ministries, 2013. ISBN: 9781939965028  
This textbook can be ordered online from <https://www.jayemartin.com/shop/>.
2. Rainer, Thom S. *The Unchurched Next Door: Understanding Faith Stages as Keys to Sharing Your Faith*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008. ISBN: 0310286123

### **Course Requirements**

1. Students will attend class as stated in graduate catalog.
2. Students will participate in class discussion in order to benefit fully from the course.
3. Students will read the assigned textbooks and other reading assignments and provide a written statement of completion of all reading assignments.
4. Students will develop an evangelistic event to be used in their women's ministries.

The project report should include the following section headings:

Type of Event  
Program, Committees  
Budget, Format  
Schedule  
Site  
Publicity  
Music Coordination  
Food Service  
Child Care  
Timeline  
Follow-up

The project report should be ten to fifteen pages, typed, double-spaced following *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate Turabian, published by University of Chicago Press.

5. Students will complete a final examination.

The class attendance statement, reading statement, report, and final exam are due four weeks from the last day of class and should be emailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley at rkelley@nobts.edu or should be sent by mail to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 .

Requirements must be received by the end of each semester or the student will receive a course grade of an "F". Students may request an incomplete in the course in case of emergency. Please see the Graduate catalog for details about the request process

### **Course Evaluation**

This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School:

A = 93-100	¼ = Class Attendance/Participation
B = 85-92	¼ = Reading Assignments
C = 77-84	¼ = Project Report
D = 70-76	¼ = Take-home final examination
F = Below 70	

### **Course Policies**

#### **Reading Assignments**

Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments.

#### **Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"**

This is the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and essays. <http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html> You will discover writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help you become a better writer. Go here for Turabian and APA style helps and guidelines. You will also find language fonts for Greek and Hebrew.

## **Academic Honesty Policy**

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

## **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Please be aware that plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. Refer to the NOBTS Student Handbook [http://www.nobts.edu/\\_resources/pdf/student-services/NOBTSHandbook.pdf](http://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/student-services/NOBTSHandbook.pdf) where the definition, penalties and policies associated with plagiarism are clearly defined.

## **Classroom Parameters**

Please arrive on time.  
Turn off cell phones. Utilize laptops and other technology for class purposes only.  
Respect the professor and other members of the class.  
Maintain confidentiality when someone shares personal information.  
Participate in class and group discussions.

## **Extra Credit**

The policy for extra credit in this course is made in collaboration with the professor.

## **Blackboard and ITC Technical Support**

Blackboard is the instructional platform used in this class. Please make sure that your contact information is accurate and up-to-date. If you need assistance, please contact the Information Technology Center (Hardin Student Center 290 or call **504.816.8180**). Here are other helpful links to ITC assistance. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support request for help with the site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.) [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard System. For Student Assistance in using Blackboard, visit: [Student Bb Help](#). [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - for general technical questions/support requests. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

## **Academic Policies**

Academic policies relate to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: [New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog](#).

## **Policy for Graduating Seniors**

Graduating Seniors are responsible for alerting the professor of your intention to graduate. All of your assignments must be completed by noon (12:00 PM) on the Wednesday prior to commencement exercises.

## **Netiquette**

Netiquette refers to appropriate online behavior in Blackboard or other online discussions. Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on Discussion Boards or whenever interaction occurs through web, digital, or other electronic medium. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

## **Course Schedule**

### **First Day**

Wednesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.      Welcome/Orientation/Registration  
The Nature of Witnessing  
Barriers to Witnessing

Wednesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.      Praise and Worship  
The Character of the Witness  
Prayer and Witnessing

### **Second Day**

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.      Devotional Time  
The Holy Spirit and Witnessing  
Personal Witnessing

Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.      Praise and Worship  
HeartCall: Women Sharing God's Heart  
Witness Training Resources

### **Third Day**

Friday, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.      Devotional  
Evangelistic Appeal  
Evangelistic Events

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