



**CHPL Urban Church Planting  
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### **Mission Statement**

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 and its ministries.

### **Core Value Focus**

The seminary has five core values.

- 1. Doctrinal Integrity:** Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity specifically by preparing students to grow in understanding and interpreting of the Bible.
- 2. Spiritual Vitality:** We are a worshiping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Spiritual Vitality is addressed by reminding students that a dynamic relationship with God is vital for effective ministry.
- 3. Mission Focus:** We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. This course addresses Mission Focus by helping students understand the biblical foundations for fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.
- 4. 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. Characteristic Excellence is addressed by preparing students to excel in their ability to interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry.
- 5. Servant Leadership:** We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us. Servant Leadership is modeled by classroom deportment.

The core value focus for this academic year is Servant Leadership.

### **Curriculum Competencies**

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 areas:

1. **Biblical Exposition:** to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately.
2. **Christian Theological Heritage:** To understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church.
3. **Disciple Making:** To stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.
4. **Interpersonal Skills:** To perform pastoral care effectively, with skills in communication and conflict management.
5. **Servant Leadership:** To serve churches effectively through team ministry.
6. **Spiritual and Character Formation:** To provide moral leadership by modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion.
7. **Worship Leadership:** To facilitate worship effectively.

The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, and Spiritual and Character Formation.

### **Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to equip students in understanding the dynamics of the city and how to plant healthy New Testament churches that will be self-governing, self-propagating, and self-supporting. Attention is given to reaching unbelievers in multi-housing communities.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

In order to help fulfill the Great Commission, the students, by the end of the course, should:

1. Be able to apply their knowledge and comprehension of the biblical, theological, historical, and cultural foundations of church planting to the process of starting new churches.
2. Become aware of the models and methodologies of urban church planting
3. Understand the characteristics of effective urban church planters
4. Understand his or her calling and giftedness for the role of church planter or the role he or she is able to play in supporting church planting efforts.
5. Value strategic concerns affecting the planting of urban churches
6. Be able to accomplish the following:
  - a) Develop a plan for a new urban church plant.
  - b) Advocate urban church planting among Southern Baptists.

### **Course Teaching Methodology**

The course will involve the following methodologies:

A variety of teaching methods will be utilized such as class presentations by the professor using Power Point and handouts. Other teaching methods include small and large group discussion, group projects, multi-media presentations, utilization of missions related

websites, and other communication mediums. A Blackboard shell for the class will be utilized extensively as a resource for students. Students will be expected to be thoroughly prepared for class discussions through readings and the Blackboard weekly unit supplements.

## **Textbook**

Allsman, Don., Don L. Davis, Lorna Rasmussen, and Hank Voss, comps. *On This Rock: A Church Planting Sampler*. Wichita, KS: TUMI Press, 2015.

Benesh, Sean. *Exegeting the City: What You Need to Know about Church Planting in the City Today*. Portland, OR: Urban Loft Publishers, 2015.

## **Course Requirements**

### **1. Required Reading and Quizzes**

Read the assigned textbook readings and demonstrate familiarity with the readings through participation in classroom discussions and successful completion of quizzes. Some weeks there will be an assigned reading from the Blackboard shell. Advance notice will be given when this is the case. Quizzes will cover Blackboard reading assignments as well as textbook readings. Quizzes will be given primarily on Tuesday classes.

Week 1, Aug. 22	Introduction
Week 2, Aug. 29	Biblical Background, Allsman, 7-48, 75-81
Week 3, Sept. 5	The Urban Environment for Church Planting
Week 4, Sept. 12	Field Research for Group Project (Sept. 12 and 14)
Week 5, Sept. 19	Exegeting the City, Benesh 19-39
Week 6, Sept. 26	Exegeting the City (cont'd) Benesh 41-66
Week 7, Oct. 3	Field Research for Group Project (Oct. 3 and 5)
Week 8, Oct. 12	Book Reviews (Field Research for Group Project on Oct. 10)
	Oct. 16-20 Fall Break
Week 9, Oct. 24	Urban Church Planting in Selected Neighborhoods, Benesh 67-87, Allsman, 51-71
Week 10, Oct. 31	Urban Church Planting in Selected Neighborhoods (cont'd), Benesh 89-133
Week 11, Nov. 7	Urban Church Planting in Selected Neighborhoods (cont'd), Benesh 135-158
Week 12, Nov. 14	Models of Urban Church Planting, Allsman, 83-114
	Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Break
Week 13, Nov. 28	Urban Church Planting Movements, Allsman, 117-158
Week 14, Dec. 5	Group Presentations
Final Exam	Must be completed by Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 11 AM.

### **2. Book Review and Presentation**

Choose a book from the bibliography specifically on church planting. Read the book and prepare a 4-6 page review of the book in Turabian format. The review is due on Oct. 12 in class and each student will make a brief presentation of his or her book in class.

### 3. Group Project

In groups, study at least four urban church plants in New Orleans. Choose different types of church plants and get approval from the instructor for the churches to be studied. Interview the church planter and other members you deem necessary. Determine the target audience of each church plant and the worship style being used. Prepare a paper giving the results of your group's research. Analyze the neighborhood of each church plant. Discuss partners helping the church plants and resources available. Discuss strengths and weaknesses of each plant. Include other factors of interest. Include a section at the end of the paper of lessons learned from your study. The paper should be at least 20 pages double-spaced and is due on Dec. 5.

NOTE: All assignments are due at the beginning of the class period unless otherwise noted. Late assignments will negatively impact grades. **Assignments turned in late will receive an automatic 15 point deduction. There will be an additional 10 point deduction** for each additional weekday the assignment is late.

**ALL ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO PASS THE COURSE.**

#### Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Reading Quizzes	15%
Book Review and Class Presentation	15%
Attendance, Blackboard, and Class Participation	10%
Group Project	45%
Final Exam	15%

#### Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

#### Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes. Absence of more than 6 hours will result in a failing grade. Tardiness will impact grades. Three tardies will be considered as one hour's absence. In the event that the normal NOBTS schedule is impacted due to a natural event or epidemic go to the seminary website for information. Our class will continue through our Blackboard site. Please note announcements and assignments on the Blackboard site in the event one or more of our classes is cancelled.

#### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Each student is responsible for the academic integrity of his/her work. The following are examples of violations of academic integrity: cheating on an exam, plagiarism, turning in work done by someone else, and submitting a paper which has been submitted in another class. These and other violations of academic integrity may result in failure of the course.

### **Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

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