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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.

Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to provide quality, supplemental training specifically in the area of women's work in the local church.

Core Value Focus

Doctrinal Integrity – Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

Spiritual Vitality – We are a worshipping community, with both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word.

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.

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.

Servant Leadership – We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

Annually, the President will designate a core value that will become the focus of pedagogy for the year. For 2014-2015 academic year that Core Value is *Spiritual Vitality*.

Curriculum Competencies Addressed

This course will address the following curriculum competencies:

1. *Biblical Exposition*: The student will explore biblical teachings about ministry to women.
2. *Christian Theological Heritage*: The student will explore theological and historical background for women's ministry.

3. *Disciple Making*: The student will learn to facilitate spiritual growth in Christian women.
4. *Interpersonal Relationships*: The student will improve interpersonal communication as well as ministry skills.
5. *Servant Leadership*: The student will discover how to lead others toward spiritual maturity and use of spiritual gifts.
6. *Spiritual and Character Formation*: The student will develop personal and spiritual maturity.
7. *Worship Leadership*: The student will increase skills for leading women in the church.

Course Description

This course is designed to identify the needs and gifts of women today in order to build a more effective women's ministry in the local church. Students will explore the biblical foundations and various models of women's ministry. In addition, students will examine all components of a comprehensive women's ministry program.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the completion of this course, each student should be able to accomplish the following:

1. Understand the biblical teachings about the roles of women in the church.
2. Be aware of strategies to build women's work in the local church.
3. Recognize the needs of women to be met through the church.
4. Identify the purpose statement for her women's ministry.
5. Implement various programs for women in the local church.

Required Readings

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

1. Adams, Chris, ed. *Women Reaching Women: Beginning and Building a Growing Women's Ministry (revised and expanded)*. Nashville, TN: LifeWay Church Resources, 2005. ISBN: 1415825904
2. _____, ed. *Transformed Lives: Taking Women's Ministry to the Next Level (revised and expanded)*. Nashville, TN: LifeWay Press, 2011. ISBN: 1415869987

Course Teaching Methodology

Units of Study. Topics will include:

1. Why Have a Women's Ministry?
2. Who Will Build Women's Work?
3. Women Using Their Gifts

4. Beginning a Balanced Women's Ministry
5. Bible Study in Women's Ministry
6. Prayer in Women's Ministry
7. Evangelism/Missions/Community Ministry in Women's Ministry
8. Special Events in Women's Ministry
9. Building One-on-One (Mentoring)
10. Meeting Needs through Groups
11. Building Your Leadership Team
12. Publicity and Promotion
13. Resources for Women's Ministry
14. Worship and Praise in Women's Ministry
15. Conferences and Retreats
16. Details in Planning Women's Work
17. Recreation in Women's Ministry
18. How to Start a Women's Ministry

Teaching Method. This course will utilize lecture and interactive discovery-learning and will be team-taught. It will be offered on the main campus during a five-day academic workshop.

Netiquette: Appropriate Online Behavior

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.

Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

1. Students will attend class as stated in the graduate catalog.
2. Students will participate in class discussion including a separate session for graduate students.
3. Students will read the assigned textbooks and provide a written statement of completion which will be due four weeks from the last day of class.
4. Students will write a book review on the textbook *Women Reaching Women: Beginning and Building a Growing Women's Ministry*.

Book Review

The book review should include the following section headings:

Bibliographical Information

(Author, title, place of publication, publisher, date of publication)

Purpose of the Book

(Check forward, introduction, and first few pages for stated purpose)

Organization and Content

(Clarity, writing style, readability)

Evaluation

(Accomplishment of purpose, weaknesses, strengths, usefulness of book)

This book review 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. It will be due four weeks from the last day of class.

5. Students will develop a purpose statement for their own Women's Ministry which will be due four weeks from the last day of class.
6. Students will complete a take home final examination. It will be due four weeks from the last day of class.

The reading statement, book review, purpose statement, and final exam should be mailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to rkelley@nobts.edu. 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	1/4 = Attendance/Class Participation
B = 85-92	1/4 = Book Review
C = 77-84	1/4 = Purpose Statement
D = 70-76	1/4 = Take-home Final Examination
F = Below 70	

Course Schedule

First Day

Monday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Welcome/Orientation/Registration
Mixer/Introductions
Why Have a Women's Ministry?
Who Will Build Women's Work?

Monday, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Women Using Their Gifts
Beginning a Balanced Women's Ministry

Second Day

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Prayer Time
Bible Study in Women's Ministry
Prayer in Women's Ministry

Tuesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Evangelism/Missions/Community Ministry in
Women's Ministry
Special Events in Women's Ministry

Third Day

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Class Devotional
Building One-on-One (Mentoring)
Meeting Needs through Groups

Wednesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Praise Time
Building Your Leadership Team
Publicity and Promotion

Fourth Day

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. -11:00 p.m.

Directed Quiet Time
Resources for Women's Ministry
Worship and Praise in Women's Ministry

Thursday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Café Reconcile
Conferences and Retreats
Details in Planning Women's Work

Fifth Day

Friday, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Class Devotional
Recreation in Women's Ministry
How to Start a Women's Ministry

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