

**CHPL5280 Principles of Church Planting
ACADEMIC WORKSHOP March 23-25, 2015
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Division of Pastoral Ministries
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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.

Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to expose the student to the biblical and missiological principles in church planting. Throughout the course, particular emphasis will be placed on practical application of the principles. Students will also be introduced to the church planting opportunities and degree programs of the North American Mission Board, and the International Mission Board.

Core Value Focus

Spiritual Vitality

Curriculum Competencies Addressed

The course addresses exemplary leadership in Disciple Making in Church Planting

Course Description

The course is designed to underline the biblical principles and practices that relate to successful church planting and church revitalization. Biblical and missiological basis, motivation, personal qualification will be emphasized, while context differences will be examined and discussed.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Define “Church Planting,” and “Church Movement,”
2. Biblical and theological basis for church planting
3. Discuss the various components of church planting movements
4. Understand obstacles to church planting movements
5. Discover principles in church planting
6. Understand the importance of God’s call in the life of a church planter
7. Understand the place of cultural research in understanding the context of church planting
8. Critical interaction with contemporary church planting thoughts
9. Understand IMB and NAMB church planting processes
10. Understand the place of relationship building and evangelism in church planting
11. Understand church planting checklists and milestones
12. Legal and financial issues in church planting

Teaching Methodology

Students will learn from reading, classroom discussions, lectures by the professor, and course assignments.

Required Texts

Malphurs, Aubrey. *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2011.

Nichols, Laurie Fortunak, A. Scott Moreau, and Gary R. Corwin. *Extending God's Kingdom: Church Planting Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*. Wheaton, IL: EMIS, 2011.

Selected Reading

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Course Requirements

- 1. Participation and Attendance.** Because this course will include lectures, small group discussion, team activities, videos, guest speakers, and presentations, students are expected to participate actively in each class. Punctual attendance and full participation is expected. Unexcused absences will affect the student's grade. The seminary's attendance policy is followed for this class.
- 2. Pre Class Reading:** *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting* by Aubrey Malphurs, and write a three page summary. Due March 23, 2015. **Post Class Reading:** Critically review (5-8 pages) *Extending God's Kingdom: Church Planting Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow* by Laurie Fortunak Nichols, A. Scott Moreau, and Gary R. Corwin. Due March 31, 2015.
- 3. Paper.** Students are to write a 4-5 page critical reflection paper answering the following questions: "What is the Irreducible Ecclesiological Minimum?" In other words, what is necessary for the church to come into existence among any people, in any location, at any time? This assignment will be evaluated on how well the student has thought through his or her ecclesiology and interacts with the Scriptures, readings, lectures, and discussion material. Due April 23, 2015.
4. Students should follow the seminary's manual of style and form for all written assignments.
5. Letter grades will be in accordance to the NOBTS course catalog. Should a student's final numerical grade come within a fraction of the next higher letter grade, the professor may—at his discretion—consider promoting the student to the next higher grade based on his or her attitude, positive contributions to the field, and preparedness for classroom discussions. The professor reserves the right to employ a bell-curve on grade distribution.

EVALUATION/GRADING:

Participation/Attendance/	30%
Reading assignments and Book review	30%
Paper on Ecclesiological Minimum	40%
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Total	100%

Late Assignments

All assignments are due in class on the assigned dates. Late assignments may receive a 15-point penalty per week late. Any work submitted after the final exam will receive 20-point penalty. Students may petition the Academic Advisor for special dispensation.

Student/Professor Conferences

Dr. Emetuche is available to meet with students by appointment.

DISCLAIMER: This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the course description, course objectives, general content, grading criteria, course requirements, attendance requirements, and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. The instructor, however, reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may appear necessary because of the events and circumstances that change during the term.

COURSE SCHEDULE

May 23

1. An overview of the course, assignments,
2. Definition of “Church Planting,” and “Church Movement,” and ecclesiology.
3. Focus on biblical and theological basis for church planting.
4. Discuss the various components of church planting movements (contexts, leadership questions, worldviews, and spiritual principles).
5. Understand obstacles to church planting movements (culture, worldview, spiritual issues).

May 24

1. Study the principles in church planting (vision, leadership, worship, evangelistic methodology, warfare prayers, and relationship building).
2. Understand the importance of God’s call in the life of a church planter, and the family involvement.
3. Partnership Development
4. Legal and financial issues in church planting
5. Planting opportunities in Metro-Seattle Area.

May 25

1. Understand the place of research in understanding the context of church planting, and learning how to conduct a worldview research.
2. Understand IMB and NAMB church planting programs and opportunities in North America and beyond.
3. The importance of church planting checklists and milestones.
4. Questions and Answers

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