



## **Women's Work in the Local Church CEWM 5260**

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### **Purpose of the Course**

This course is designed to identify the needs of women today in order to build an effective, biblically-based ministry to women through the local church.

### **Core Value Focus**

*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.

Annually, the President will designate a core value that will become the focus of pedagogy for the year. For 2015-2016 academic year that Core Value is *Mission Focus*.

### **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 spiritual gifts of women to be used in ministry.
5. Implement various programs for women in the local church.
6. Develop purpose statement to guide your ministry.

### **Required Reading**

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](mailto: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

## **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/studentervices/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.

## **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.

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Woman's Missionary Union

[www.wmu.com](http://www.wmu.com)

Women's Ministry Network

[www.womensministry.net](http://www.womensministry.net)

Just Between Us Magazine

[www.jusbetweenus.org](http://www.jusbetweenus.org)

### **Student Services**

*This is a partial list of NOBTS student services available to all students, no matter your delivery system or location. If you have questions or do not see what you need here, please refer to [www.nobts.edu/student-services](http://www.nobts.edu/student-services), email us at [studentservices@nobts.edu](mailto:studentservices@nobts.edu), or call the Dean of Students office at 800-662-8701, ext. 3283. We are glad to assist you!*