



PMEN6300 Mentoring in Gospel Ministry
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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

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 **Spiritual Vitality**.

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: Discipleship Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, and Spiritual and Character Formation.

Purpose of the Course

The purpose of this course is to provide quality theological education to students in the discipline of pastoral ministries in a mentorship environment.

Course Description

This course will aid students to develop competency in gospel ministry in a semester-length learning experience that involves the student in practical ministry with an academic professor and an approved on-site mentor. The student will experience a variety of ministry situations and opportunities in which they will learn and apply principles of ministry under the guidance of a faculty member and on-site mentor.

Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, the student will:

1. understand selected principles and practices in the area of gospel ministry.
2. value the role and functions of gospel ministry in the context of the local church and/or parachurch organizations.
3. demonstrate skills and acceptable proficiency in selected functions of gospel ministry.

Course Methods

The course will emphasize a learning experience through the practical application of principles of gospel ministry under the guidance of an on-site mentor. Lecture presentations and online resources will be utilized to teach course concepts and methodologies. Writing assignments and faculty interaction will be required in addition to interaction with other students in online forums.

Textbooks

The student will select one of the following required textbooks in the area of mentoring:

Anderson, Keith R., and Randy D. Neese. *Spiritual Mentoring: A Guide for Seeking and Giving Direction*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1999.

Thomas, Scott, and Tom Wood. *Gospel Coach: Shepherding Leaders to Glorify God*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.

The student will select one of the following required textbooks focused more generally in the area of gospel ministry:

Early, Dave, and Ben Gutierrez. *Ministry Is: How to Serve Jesus With Passion and Confidence*. Nashville: B & H Academic, 2010.

Keller, Timothy. *Center Church: Doing Balanced, Gospel-Centered Ministry in Your City*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012.

Merida, Tony. *Faithful Preaching: Declare Scripture with Responsibility, Passion, and Authenticity*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2009.

Ogden, Greg, and Daniel Meyer. *Leadership Essentials: Shaping Vision, Multiplying Influence, Defining Character*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2007.

The student will select one of the required textbooks from one of the designated categories focused more specifically in areas of gospel ministry. Designated categories are: Pastoral/Personal/Corporate Evangelism, Pastoral Ministry and Chaplaincy, Pastoral Counseling, Pastoral Theology, and Preaching.

**If you are enrolled in the course for the third or fourth time, other textbook options will be considered after consultation with the academic professor and on-site mentor.

Course Requirements

1. Reading Assignments and Book Critiques: The student will select one book from the first list of books specific to mentoring, one book from the second list of books specific to gospel ministry, and one book from a category in the third list of books (for a total of 3 books). The books should be books that the student has not previously read. The student will write a two page single-spaced critique on each book, answering the following questions:

- a. What is a concise summary of the text?
- b. What is the significance of this text concerning ministry?
- c. What are one or more significant developments in the text concerning ministry?
- d. What, if any, criticism can be made of the text's usefulness in understanding ministry?

Each analysis should have a cover page and provide a correct bibliographic listing of the book with its associated annotations.

Students enrolled in the course after the first time must select books that were not read during the completion of any previous course.

The critique of the required textbook in the area of mentoring is **due February 10.**

The critique of the required textbook focused more generally in the area of gospel ministry is **due March 9.**

The critique of the required textbooks from a category in the third list of books is **due April 13.**

2. Mentorship Hours and Meetings: The student will be required to fulfill the requirements of the mentorship, including the minimum of 45 hours working in the ministry setting during the semester. These specified hours do not include the weekly scheduled times for worship and Bible study. The student will meet with the mentor each week to discuss personal and ministry issues and hours worked. The student will submit weekly reports of the mentorship and ministry experiences. The reports should be two paragraphs with one paragraph devoted to the mentorship experiences of the week and one paragraph devoted to the ministry experiences of the week.

Weekly Reports from the first 7 weeks are **due March 15.**

Weekly Reports from the second 7 weeks are **due May 14.**

3. Ministry Strategy: The student will design a ministry strategy appropriate to the ministry context in which the student will be serving throughout the semester. The strategy should be detailed and include a calendar of events as well as a written description of events accompanied by reasons for the events. The strategy must be 10-12 double-spaced pages. **Due May 4.**

If you take this course more than once you will consult with the professor of how your assignment will be further improved for the mentoring/ministry culture you are creating in the local church.

4. Ministry Journal: The student will keep an updated ministry journal with 2-3 submissions each week. Each submission should be two paragraphs in length. **Due May 14.**

5. Reflection Paper: The student will write a reflection paper, reflecting over the previous semester and noting insights gleaned, positive experiences, and negative experiences. The paper must be 2-3 single-spaced pages. **Due May 14.**

6. Online Learning Units and Discussion: The student will complete the online units according to the schedule provided by the professor. Video, case-studies, PowerPoint presentations, and group presentations will be utilized. Students will interact with fellow students and the professor through discussion board on Blackboard.

Evaluation

The student's final grade will be determined as follows:

Reading and Critiques	20%
Mentorship Hours and Meetings	25%
Ministry Strategy	20%
Journal	20%
Reflection Paper	15%

Course Schedule

A schedule for the course will be provided in the course shell in Blackboard.

Technical Assistance

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

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

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.

NOBTS Style Guide

A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Blackboard shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center's page on the seminary website at:

<https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

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.

Selected Bibliography by Designated Category

Pastoral, Personal, and Corporate Evangelism

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Fasol, Al, Roy Fish, Steve Gaines, and Ralph Douglas West. *Preaching Evangelistically*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2006.

Lawless, Chuck and Adam Greenway. *The Great Commission Resurgence: Fulfilling God's Mandate in Our Time*. Nashville: B & H Publishing Group, 2010.

McRaney, Will, Jr. *The Art of Personal Evangelism: Sharing Jesus in a Changing Culture*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishing, 2003.

Reid, Alvin. *Evangelism Handbook: Biblical, Spiritual, Intentional, Missional*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishing, 2009.

Pastoral Ministry and Chaplaincy

Bisagno, John R. *Pastor's Handbook*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2011.

Cedar, Paul, Kent Hughes, and Ben Patterson. *Mastering the Pastoral Role*. Portland: Multnomah Press, 1991.

Ecloy, Lee. *Pastoral Graces: Reflections on the Care of Souls*. Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2012.

Fisher, David. *The 21st Century Pastor*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996.

Paget, Naomi, and Janet McCormack. *The Work of the Chaplain*. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2006.

Tripp, Paul David. *Dangerous Calling: Confronting the Unique Challenges of Pastoral Ministry*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012.

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Clinton, Timothy, and George Ohlschlager, eds. *Competent Christian Counseling, Volume One: Foundations & Practice of Compassionate Soul Care*. Colorado Springs, CO: WaterBrook Press, 2002.

Cutrer, William R. *The Church Leader's Handbook: A Guide to Counseling Families and Individuals in Crisis*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2009.

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Preaching

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