



**MISS5331 - Disaster Relief Training and Experience**  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Division of Church Ministry  
May Intensive  
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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

**Course Description**

This course provides training in disaster response and experience in disaster preparedness and/or disaster response. Attention will be given to preparing local churches to respond in positive ways to disaster situations and to opportunities to expand God's Kingdom in a variety of ministry settings.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Students will gain an understanding of the biblical and theological foundations for disaster relief.
2. Students will demonstrate an awareness of and appreciation for the recent history of disaster relief ministry.
3. Students will develop an increased awareness of the need to share hope and comfort with individuals who have experienced disaster and loss.
4. Students will gain experience in disaster relief preparation.
5. Student will develop competencies that will encourage mobilization of churches for disaster relief.

**Textbook**

Aten, Jamie and David M. Boan. *Disaster Ministry Handbook*. Downers Grove, L: InterVarsity Press, 2015.

**Course Requirements**

1. Read the textbook by Jamie Aten and submit in class a 5-7 page book review at the beginning of the first day of class. The review should follow Turabian style as to margins, double-spacing, etc. Be sure to include reflection on how the book has impacted your ideas about urban ministry.
2. During the week of the workshop attempt to share the gospel with at least two people. Discuss these encounters in the Blackboard discussion board set up for this. This discussion should be posted by June 3.

3. Interview two individuals who have experienced a disaster (the kinds of disasters discussed in this class). For each interview submit a doublespaced 1-2 page report. In the papers, discuss things like the individual's reflections on their losses, experiences during and after the losses, and the recovery process, including the person's attitude toward the future. Discuss efforts of others to help them during and after the disaster. Submit in the Blackboard Assignment Folder by June 9.
4. Prepare a disaster plan for your church and for your family. In the section on the church prepare for potential disaster on your church field and plan for the involvement of your church members to be involved in disaster relief efforts in other disaster locations. Include potentialities for both natural disasters and epidemics. Submit on the appropriate Blackboard assignment site by June 17.

### Evaluation

Aten Textbook Review and Discussion	20%
Interviews	25%
Gospel Sharing Encounters Discussion	20%
Church and Family Disaster Preparedness Plans	35%

**NOTE: Assignments turned in late will receive an automatic 15 point deduction. There will be a 10 point deduction** for each additional weekday the assignment is late.

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

Writing 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](https://www.nobts.edu/_resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf)

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