



**Transitioning to a Vision-Driven Church**  
Professional Doctoral Seminar – CESE 8301  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Catalyst Conference, Gwinnett Arena, Atlanta, GA  
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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 and its ministries.*

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**NOBTS Core Values and 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 worshiping 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 *Mission Focus*.

**Course Description**

The purpose of this seminar is to expose the students to selected contemporary models for ministry with a view toward identifying and applying transferable principles. The clinical learning experience will seek to help the students learn to interpret the diversity of

ministry models available in the contemporary culture in order to apply them rightly in their own local church ministry.

### **Special Seminar Considerations:**

The purpose of this seminar is to expose students to a variety of topics specific to “Next Generation Leaders,” including organizational leadership, integrity, character, relationships, and teamwork, among others. Students will attend the Catalyst Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, October 7-9, 2015. The Catalyst Conference is about shaping leaders in the church, presenting the next big ideas, practices and content. Catalyst exists to ignite passion for Christ and develop leadership potential in the “Next Generation,” equipping them to engage and impact our world.

**Conference Fee:** In addition to tuition, course requires \$299 Catalyst Conference fee for labs and conference. Student account will be assessed this fee with no exceptions allowed. Tickets are purchased as a group will be distributed to students at the conference Wednesday, October 7.

**Housing and Meals:** All travel, food and room costs are the responsibility of the student. A number of motels are in the area near Gwinnett Arena. (South of the arena is a better choice to avoid heavy traffic) The seminar professor(s) will be available to meet you between 10:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 7, at The Arena at Gwinnett Center. Specific location will be sent via email closer to the event. For more conference details and hotel options go to the following website: <http://catalystconference.com/atlanta>

**Blackboard Enrollment.** Please enroll yourself in our class on Blackboard. Communication will be primarily through emails via Blackboard. Assignments will be posted and collected on Blackboard.

#### **Instructions for enrolling in NOBTS Blackboard**

You will find the instructions for enrolling in Blackboard on the Professional Doctoral Program website. <http://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/ProDoc/StudentMaterials>  
Blackboard will be available on or before July 1, 2015

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

At the completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate:

1. An understanding of what it will take to be a “Next Generation Leader”
2. The ability to observe and evaluate good characteristics of an effective leader
3. The ability to assess their own personal qualities as a leader
4. Knowledge of specific resources available to lead others in the church
5. An understanding that spiritual leadership results from a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ

## Textbooks

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

Stanley, Andy. *Ask It*. Colorado Springs, CO: Multnomah Press, 2004, 2014

And **One** of the following:

Caine, Christine, *Unstoppable: Running the Race You Were Born to Win*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2104 (ISBN: 978-0-340-34117-8)

Feinberg, Margret. *Fight Back with Joy*. Brentwood, TN: Worthy Books. 2015 (ISBN: 978-1-61795-089-6)

Stanley, Andy *Next Generation Leader: 5 Essentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future*. Colorado Springs, CO: Multnomah Press, 2006

## Seminar Requirements

1. Textbook Readings: Read the 3 required textbooks and complete an assessment in Blackboard indicating you have read each book (or percentage of the book). DUE DATE: **October 1, 2015**.
2. Conference: Attend the labs (Wednesday afternoon) and conference (Thursday and Friday). Because of the nature of this event, all labs and the entire conference must be attended. Pre-Lab is optional. **Students are expected to attend a debriefing during the Thursday night meal time (TBD) and be prepared to dialogue during the Team Collective times on the schedule.** Plan your schedule accordingly. Submit a statement indicating you attended the labs and conference. (Include with assignment #3) DUE DATE: **October 7-9**.
3. Event Evaluation: Type a 6-8 page paper evaluating the event. Include in your evaluation the Labs, conference, speakers, resources presented and displays. DUE DATE: **October 31, 2015**.
4. Critique Paper: Submit a 4-5 page paper evaluating your leadership qualities based on the handout, "Elements of a Catalyst Leader." The handout will be posted on Blackboard. DUE DATE: **October 31, 2015**.
5. Book Reports: Choose two books (do not include our textbooks or ones you have previously read) from any of the Catalyst Conference speakers or presenters. Identify 10 quotes from each book which are significant statements for you and

your ministry. Submit the report on line. A simple header with name, seminar, assignment and date is sufficient. DUE DATE: **November 6, 2015.**

6. Application Strategy: Based on what you learned, type a 6-8 page paper on specific ways you can implement at least five ideas/strategies from the conference in your current ministry. Include references and cite notes of the conference in your paper. DUE DATE: **November 14, 2015.**

**Notes:**

Basic Turabian style (*Turabian 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> edition*) should be considered when preparing any work for this seminar. The book review and papers are to be typed. Grammar will be considered in the grading of papers. Papers will be graded based on 70% content and 30% form, spelling and grammar.

**All assignments are expected to be submitted on time. Late assignments will incur a penalty for the grade.**

**Seminar Evaluation**

Textbook Readings	15%
Conference Attendance	20%
Event Evaluation	20%
Critique Paper	15%
Book Reports	10%
Application Strategy	20%

# Catalyst Conference Schedule

## October 7-9, 2015

### LABS

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:30-11:30 – Connect with Dr Stone to get registration packet.  
12:00 AM Opening Session  
1:15 PM Break  
1:30 PM Lab Session 1  
2:15 PM Break  
2:45 PM Lab Session 2  
3:30 PM Break  
4:00 PM Lab Session 3  
4:45 PM Break  
5:00 PM Closing Session  
6:15 PM End of Day

### MAIN EVENT

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30 AM Session 1  
9:45 AM Break  
10:15 AM Session 2 + Team Collective  
12:00 PM Lunch  
1:30 PM Session 3  
2:45 PM Break  
3:15 PM Session 4 + Team Collective  
5:15 PM Dinner  
7:15 PM Session 5

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:30 AM Session 6  
9:45 AM Break  
10:15 AM Session 7 + Team Collective  
12:00 PM Lunch  
1:30 PM Session 8  
2:45 PM Break  
3:15 PM Session 9  
4:15 PM End of Conference