



## Louisiana/Mississippi Extension Center News

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### New NOBTS ID System

NOBTS has a new system of student identification. Students will no longer use social security numbers as their ID numbers; instead all students have been assigned a new NOBTS ID number. Students may access their new NOBTS ID numbers through IQWeb, by clicking on the "My NOBTS ID" link on the left-hand menu of IQWeb. If you would like to know more about the seminary's Social Security number policy, go online to <http://nobts.edu/NOBTSSSNproject/>. This NOBTS ID number will now be required when interacting with seminary offices, so please have this number ready when calling the seminary's Business Office, Registrar's Office, etc.



### IQWeb

All NOBTS students have access to the seminary's IQWeb system, which will allow you to register for classes online, check your account balance online, make payments online, receive email updates from the seminary, and check your grades at the end of the semester. Every student should have an IQWeb account, and students are responsible for ensuring that the seminary has an active email address for each student through IQWeb. The seminary sends out email reminders for registration, overdue payments, etc. using the email addresses from IQWeb, so when you log onto IQWeb, make sure that the email address listed in IQWeb is one that you check frequently. You may check and/or change your email address by clicking on "Update Preferred E-Mail Address" on the left-hand menu once you have logged onto IQWeb. If you have any questions about how to set up an IQWeb account, please contact your extension center director, and if you are having any problems with your IQWeb account, please contact [iqhelpdesk@nobts.edu](mailto:iqhelpdesk@nobts.edu).

### Final Day for Tuition Payment

The Final Day for Tuition Payment (formerly the Day of Validation) is August 17<sup>th</sup> for the fall 2007 semester. All students must have registered and paid for classes by this day or they will be charged a \$100 late fee (payment must have been received by the Business Office by August 17<sup>th</sup>). If you are paying for your tuition by FACTS, you must have a FACTS payment plan in place by this day, or if a church or other third party is paying for your tuition, the Financial Aid Office must have written documentation from them by August 17<sup>th</sup> indicating that they will pay for your tuition. This information must be faxed to the financial aid office (504-816-8437) by the Final Day for Tuition Payment. You may check your account with the seminary online using IQWeb to ensure that you have completed payment for the fall semester.

### Online Payment Option

NOBTS now accepts online payments via credit card. Students may now pay for any charges on their accounts online by logging onto IQWeb and selecting "Online Payment." Students may also check their account balance by clicking on "Current Balance/Account Information." Payments may now be made any day of the week, 24 hours a day with no additional fees or charges. The seminary accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit cards.

### December Graduates



Applications for December 2007 Graduation are now available. If you plan to graduate in December, you may obtain an application for graduation by going to the seminary's website and clicking on "Academics" and then "Registrar's Resources." The deadline to apply for December Graduation is Monday, September 17.

## Drop/Add Deadline

The deadline to drop or add a class is August 31<sup>st</sup>. To drop/add a class after the start of the semester, you must fill out an "Extension Center Course Change Form" and mail or fax it to the Registrar's Office (fax: 504-816-8453). This form is on the seminary's website under "Academics" and then "Registrar's Resources." Students who simply quit attending class will remain enrolled in the courses for which they are registered and will receive a grade of F and will not be reimbursed for tuition for the course unless they fill out the appropriate paperwork. For questions about dropping or adding courses, contact the Registrar's Office at 504-282-4455 ext. 3304.

## New Orleans Mission Opportunities



The seminary offers a variety of ways for people from all over the country to be a part of the on-going mission work in New Orleans. MissionLab offers the opportunity for church groups to come to New Orleans year round to help rebuild New Orleans, to engage in mission work, and to learn to be missionaries. A number of other opportunities are available to those interested in making a difference in New Orleans, such as Project Noah, which is the cooperative effort of churches, local associations, and the North America Mission Board to help reconstruct New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. For more information about these ministries, please visit the links for "MissionLab" and "Beyond the Gates" on the seminary's website.

## Graduate Workshop Information

October workshops for graduate students will be held over fall break (Oct. 15-19). Workshops will include the New Orleans Missions Course (a three hour course designed to engage NOBTS students in the missions work going on in New Orleans), Biblical Principles and Practices of Evangelism (a Pastoral Ministries elective), Ministry with Single Adults (a Christian Education elective), and two one-hour women's ministry courses. For a complete listing of October workshop courses, check the seminary's website under the fall 2007 graduate schedule. To register for workshop courses, print out the workshop registration form from the seminary's website by clicking on "Graduate Schedules 2007/2008" and then "Workshop Registration Form," and send in the registration form to the seminary's Registrar's Office.

## Key Dates for the Fall Semester

Aug 13	<i>New Student Orientation</i>
Aug 17	<i>Final Day for Tuition Payment</i>
Aug 20	<i>First Day of Classes</i>
Aug 31	<i>Final Day to Drop or Add a Class</i>
Sept 3	<i>Labor Day (no classes)</i>
Sept 17	<i>Graduation Application Deadline</i>
Oct 15-19	<i>Fall Break (no classes)</i>
Nov 19-23	<i>Thanksgiving Break (no classes)</i>
Dec 6-10	<i>Final Exams</i>
Dec 15	<i>Graduation</i>

## Baptist College Partnership

NOBTS graduate students who have undergraduate hours from a Baptist college may earn credit towards their Masters degree through tests and seminars offered by the Baptist College Partnership Program (BCP). The BCP may help students with hours from a Baptist college save money while working towards a Masters degree, and the BCP may allow the student to complete a Masters degree in less time. NOBTS undergraduate students who plan to pursue graduate level work can also prepare themselves to be a part of the BCP program. For more information about the BCP, visit [www.nobts.edu/BCP/](http://www.nobts.edu/BCP/).

## NOBTS Hub System

The seminary's new Hub system has recently been approved by the seminary's accrediting agencies. The new Hub system will affect graduate extension center students in several different ways. Graduate students must now take 12 hours of courses on campus in New Orleans and 18 hours of courses at a regional hub (New Orleans, Orlando, or Atlanta). Most Louisiana and Mississippi students likely will continue to come to New Orleans for all 30 hours of on-campus credit, but students may choose to take workshops in Orlando or Atlanta (for example if students have family members in these cities) to satisfy the 18 required hours at a regional hub. Of the 12 hours in New Orleans, 3 of those hours must be the new New Orleans Missions Course, though students who have already completed their 30 hours in New Orleans will not be required to go back and take this course. The new Hub system will allow us to continue to offer quality theological education, while making education even more convenient for students throughout the Southeast.

