

DISC 5171 / SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Pastoral Ministries

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Class dates: 1/23, 2/6, 2/20, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30

Mission Statement

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.

Course Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies Addressed

To prepare leaders by the development of the skills necessary for performing pastoral ministries, primarily within the context of the Church, and to assist churches, organizations, and individuals through the engagement of spiritual disciplines and spiritual gifts.

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.*

Spiritual and Character Development

Course Description

This course is designed to foster personal spiritual growth through an introduction to spiritual disciplines and participation in a student discipleship group led by a mentoring professor. The course is also designed to prepare students to lead discipleship groups and a discipleship ministry in the local Church.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. The learner will grow in his/her biblical understanding of spiritual maturation (i.e., what is often referred to as >discipleship=).
2. The learner will be challenged to develop a strong personal commitment to a discipling lifestyle.
3. The learner will develop skills in leading discipleship groups and consider such groups as a part of the discipleship strategy of a local Church ministry.

Course Teaching Methodology

Sessions will always include discussion of reading assignments and prayer times. Additional elements may include things such as the mentoring process, personal devotional matters, and specific literature (classic devotional works) related to discipleship and personal growth.

Textbook/s

The Adventure of Discipling Others, by Ron Bennett and John Purvis
(Provided by the professor on the first day of class)

Course Requirements

1. The learner will complete reading of the textbook (as required by the professor).
2. The learner will develop a comprehensive discipleship plan for either mentoring an individual or discipling a group of learners in a church setting. This will include the defining of the objective and scope of the plan, the use of specific discipleship material, lesson plans, homework assignments, and assessment of the learners spiritual growth.
DUE: April 30
3. The learner will contribute to discussions and share leadership of the discipleship group.
NOTE: Because this is a Pass/Fail course, attendance and participation will be important.

Course Evaluation

This experience is a pass/fail course. Grades will be determined by attendance, participation in the session, completion of agreed upon assignments, *and self assessment of your own personal, spiritual journey*. The final grade decision will be made by the professor.

SPECIFIC MATTERS

1. The text will be used as a discussion guide and blueprint for developing discipleship programs.
2. Homework assignments will typically be due the week after they have been given unless otherwise specified by the professor.
3. Scripture memory will be assigned each week and reviewed each week.

Course Schedule

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| 1/23 | Session 1 |
| 2/6 | Session 2 & 3 |
| 2/20 | Session 4 & Selecting a mentee |
| 3/5 | Session 5 & 6 |
| 3/19 | Session 7 & 8 |
| 4/2 | Session 9 & 10 |
| 4/16 | Session 11 & 12 |
| 4/30 | Discuss outcomes of discipling this semester & final exam |

Additional Items

Supplemental reading will come from other assigned materials

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