

PATH 5230-01 Supervised Ministry I
Graceville Extension Center
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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 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.

I. Course Description:

This course will consist of supervised training and experience in sharing the gospel with a non-Christian as well as some training and experience in teaching others how to witness. The approach will uphold the conviction that personal witness training which includes significant supervised experience in witnessing is an essential element of seminary education.

II. Course Objectives:

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- a. Demonstrate functional knowledge, comprehension, and application of the practice of personal evangelism/disciple-making.
- b. Grow in commitment to personal evangelism and its practice.
- c. Learn foundational principles in the basics and bases of personal evangelism and apply these principles in life and ministry.
- d. Understand, apply, analyze, and evaluate various tools, methods, and approaches in personal evangelism.
- e. Develop and use at least two forms of his/her personal testimony in personal witnessing.
- f. Use and apply a variety of gospel presentations for various situations of life and ministry.
- g. Quote appropriate Bible verses in a manner that comprehension and application to personal evangelism results.

- h. Practice personal evangelism by sharing Christ with at least six persons during the semester in such a manner that facilitates lifelong practice and fruitfulness in personal evangelism.

II. Course Methodology:

1. Lectures: The professor will lecture on and demonstrate various evangelism strategies, as well as model how they can be applied and taught at the local church level.
2. Class discussion: Class meetings will include time for students to discuss the lectures, review assignments, and share witness experiences.
3. Practical Witnessing: Each student will be expected to spend a minimum of 1.5 hours a week for ten weeks doing field work (team witnessing) through a local church or ministry.
4. Individual Leadership: Each student will have an opportunity to demonstrate the mentor's role in some church evangelism technique.

IV. Course Requirements:

1. Each student will read the textbooks and report orally on the material with a discussion of the significance for practical ministry.
2. Each student will memorize assigned Bible verses which relate to personal evangelism. Students may be tested on these verses as part of the final exam.
3. Each student will prepare two versions of his/her testimony (a standard version and a brief version) to be presented orally to the class on unannounced dates (See 1 Peter 3:15). Written copies of the testimonies will be due on September 23.
4. Each student will summarize, analyze, and evaluate one evangelism equipping methodology in a four-to-six-page, double-spaced paper. Papers should include:
 - An introduction to the material
 - An overview of the material
 - Step-by-step instructions for recommended use
 - A critique of the material or methodology
 - An implementation plan summarizing how the material might be implemented in a local church

The completed paper will be due on December 2.

5. Each student will actively participate in sharing the gospel with at least six (6) lost individuals in a legitimate attempt to win them to faith in Christ.

Please follow the guidelines below:

- All encounters must be with someone you believe to be lost
- Students must make a prayerful and meaningful attempt to complete the gospel presentation and give the prospect an opportunity to respond
- All witnessing encounters must be completed during the current semester. *No previous encounters may be used.*
- A Witnessing Report form is attached below. See the course schedule for due dates.

6. Each student will take a final exam on the material covered through the semester.

V. Course Evaluation:

Final grades will be based on a 1000 point system as follows:

§	Written and Oral Testimonies	200 pts
§	Written Evangelism Methodology Review paper	250
§	Final Exam	250
§	Witnessing Reports (6)	300

Please note: *All coursework should be considered REQUIRED. Failure to complete all coursework may result in a failing grade for the course.*

VI. Absentee policy:

Students are expected to participate in all scheduled classes. See the NOBTS catalog for attendance policies.

VII. Textbooks:

Carson, D.A. General Editor. *Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000. ISBN: 0310243343

McRaney, Will, Jr. *The Art of Personal Evangelism: Sharing Jesus in a Changing Culture*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003. ISBN: 9780805426243

VIII. Additional Information:

In accordance with the NOBTS Bible Reading Initiative, daily devotional time should include reading through the Bible. A recommended schedule is attached for both the Fall and Winter semesters.

IX. Professor's Contact Information:

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Scripture Verses to Know

Students will be required to memorize key Bible verses that are particularly suited to soul-winning encounters, and be able to quote them on a test. Any major translation of the Bible may be used. The verses are:

- 1 John 5:13
- Rom 3:10, 23
- Is 59:1-2
- Eph 2:8-9
- John 1:12
- John 3:16
- Rom 1:16
- Rom 5:8
- Rom 6:23
- Rom 10:9-10

Tentative Course Schedule*

Aug 26	Introductory Matters, Edwards sermon
Sept 9	Carson chapters 1,3 McRaney chapter 1,2 **Witness Report #1 due
Sept 23	Carson chapters 5,9 McRaney chapters 3,4 **Written Testimonies due **Witness Report #2 due
Oct 7	Carson chapters 10,15 McRaney chapters 5,6 **Witness Report #3 due
Oct 28	Carson chapters 15,16, McRaney chapters 6, 7 **Witness Report #4 due
Nov 11	Carson chapters 17, 22 McRaney chapter 8, 9 **Witness Report #5 due
Dec 2	Carson 24, 26 Preparation for Final **Witness Report #6 due
Dec 9	**Final Exam **Evangelism Methodology Review Paper due

*This schedule may be altered as needed to accomplish course objectives

Witness Report Form #_____

Date_____

Student Name_____

Person witnessed to (first name only)_____

- 1) Give a brief description of the witnessing context (when, where, circumstances, etc)
- 2) Describe the encounter. Include how the conversation began, what was shared, what tools or methods you used, reactions, responses, etc, and how it ended.
- 3) What significant barriers did you encounter?
- 4) Were you able to complete the presentation?
- 5) Were you able to appeal for a response?
- 6) In terms of your sharing, what were you pleased with?
- 7) What would you change?
- 8) How can I (and the class) pray for this person?