

North Carolina District School of Ministry

Beginning Practicum Syllabus

Texts

Required Reading

McDonald, Gordon, *Ordering Your Private World*, Thomas Nelson: Nashville, TN., 1997

Rutland, Mark, *Character Matters*, Charisma House: Lake Mary, FL., 2003

Tozer, A.W., *The Pursuit of God*, Christian Publications: Inc., Camp Hill, PA., 1982

Course Description

An in-depth supervised ministry experience focused on the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the development of competencies in personal ministry, with concentrations on ministerial functions and personal conferences. The Practicum is a three month program.

Prerequisites

Satisfactorily complete five Certified Level courses.

Purpose

The Beginning Practicum is intended to introduce the student to real-life ministry and an opportunity to integrate classroom learning with ministry. It is a field ministry experience allowing the student to develop an overall competency through supervised practical ministry.

Course Objectives

1. The student will be able to apply information and skills learned in the classroom.
2. The student will be able to perform ministry in a setting where practical ministry is guided and evaluated.
3. The opportunity for encouragement, additional instruction, and to share experiences with peers.
4. The student will develop confidence.
5. The student will better understand the profound mission of the church and recognize the demands and skills necessary to succeed in ministry.
6. Relationship development.

Ministry Functions to be covered

1. The ministry of administration
2. The ministry of preaching
3. The ministry of pastoral care
4. The ministry of evangelism
5. The ministry of teaching
6. The personal development of the minister

Instructional Procedures

1. The primary method is on-the-job training from the pastor/mentor.
2. The Practicum Coordinator will be available for contact from the Pastor/mentor or student.
3. One classroom meeting will allow students to share experiences and gain knowledge.
4. Three book critiques will supplement the student's experience.
5. Written assignments will assist the student in evaluating and understanding his/her ministry experience.

Course Requirements

1. File a Practicum Application with the Practicum Administrator at the North Carolina District School of Ministry (NCD-SOM).
2. The student must secure a pastor/mentor at the local church willing to participate in the program.
3. Complete the Practicum Contract, due by the end of the first week of the Practicum.
4. Complete the following required AG General Council Mandatory Components:
 - a. Perform Sacerdotal functions; funeral, baptism, and communion, under the guidance of the Supervisor.
 - b. Mentor and disciple a lay leader in the local church.
 - c. Conduct a premarital counseling session under the guidance of the Supervisor.
 - d. Lead someone to Christ and see them disciplined in the local church.
 - e. Keep a prayer and devotional journal for three months.
5. Complete the Monthly Ministry Reports and return one each month to the Practicum Administrator.
6. Complete three Reading Critiques on the following books: (*Return one each month to the Practicum Administrator*)
 - a. *Ordering Your Private World* - mailed to NCD-SOM no later than the end of the first month.
 - b. *Character Matters* - mailed to NCD-SOM no later than the end of the second month.
 - c. *Pursuit of God* – mailed to NCD-SOM no later than the end of the third month.
7. Mandatory attendance at the classroom meeting to deliver the Oral Presentation and the Exit Interview will be administered.
8. An Oral Presentation that includes goals, methods, and plan of ministry to serve the local church.
9. Complete a two page Reflection and Integration Paper on your overall NCD-SOM experience. This is to be returned to the Practicum Coordinator at the end of the Practicum.
10. Follow-up with the Pastor/Supervisor to be sure the Final Practicum Evaluation has been returned to the Practicum Coordinator no later that one week after the end of the Practicum.

Evaluation

The course evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Ministry Contract | 5 points |
| 2. Reading Critique Form (15 each) | 45 points |
| 3. Monthly Reports (15 each) | 45 points |
| 4. Pastor/Mentor Evaluation | 35 points |
| 5. Oral Presentation | 35 points |
| 6. Exit Interview | 25 points |
| 7. Reflection and Integration Paper | 35 points |

TOTAL: 225 points

Grade

- A = 225 - 200 (100% - 90%)
 B = 199 -189 (89% - 80%)
 C = 188 - 178 (79% - 70%)
 D = 177 – 170 (69% - 60%)
 F = below 170 (0%)