



Nipawin Bible College
PR115/125 Student Ministry
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2018-2019 Academic Year
1 Credit Hour per Semester
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Discovering and developing spiritual gifts and sharpening ministry skills come through the combination of instruction and experience. Although you may not see yourself in full-time ministry in the future, we trust that your goal is to be active and productive in the life of a local congregation as you reach out to others with the love of Christ. Student Ministry is your opportunity to begin discovering those gifts and skills. In light of that we urge you to “do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed...”(2 Tim. 2:15). With this in view, NBC has created a weekly programme designed to help you the student put classroom instruction into practical use by involving you in actual ministry and service opportunities, combined with a written synthesis for evaluation and analysis. Student ministry is designed to give the you exposure, experience and the opportunity to develop skills in practical Christian ministry.

THE BIG QUESTION

In seeking to personalize the apostle Paul’s instruction to Timothy, how can you the student hope to “present [yourself] to God as one approved” and unashamed?

LEARNING OUTCOMES

With successful completion of this programme, students will:

- Demonstrate the Great Command/Great Commission in a ministry setting where training and encouragement are provided;
- Develop faithful service to Christ by being accountable to God and the local leadership in authority;
- Develop your God-given gifts and abilities while working harmoniously with others;
- Build-up and encourage fellow believers in faith, hope and love;
- Guard the integrity of NBC through effective and excellent service both in the community and the local Church.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

1. Attendance (40%)

Students are expected to do their Student Ministry every assigned week throughout each semester with the exception of scheduled semester breaks, closed weekends and brown block modules, or unless it has been cancelled by the ministry site supervisor.

Switching, dropping or adding ministries will not be permitted unless agreed upon by the Student Ministry Director and the site supervisor or the appropriate NBC Ministry Supervisor [Facedown: Jason; "365"/RAs/Royals wRECK: Brad; Living Proof: Tim L.]

An excused absence may be necessary at some point in the semester. The Student Ministry Director, or NBC Ministry Supervisor must approve this, and the student must inform the site supervisor. If something unexpected arises (personal illness or family death) it will be the student's responsibility to notify the Director and the appropriate supervisor otherwise it will be considered an unexcused absence. Each unexcused absence will result in a 10% reduction to the student's attendance grade. Remember, faithfulness in ministry is a necessary virtue.

PLEASE NOTE: Facedown, "365", RAs, Drama and Royals wRECK students missing required responsibilities would contact their immediate NBC Supervisor, ***not*** the Student Ministry Director.

2. Ministry Synthesis (35%)

Students will write a short ministry synthesis *each semester*. In anticipation of this assignment, students are strongly encouraged to keep a running journal of personal notes including such things as observations, highlights, and new ideas, even disappointments. How to proceed with writing?

A. What have you learned about **others?**

- What relational challenges did you encounter?
- What were their needs or demands?
- How have your perceptions of people changed as a result of this experience?
- What did you expect from others with whom you worked? How did they help, or hinder you?

B. What have you learned about **ministry?**

- What type of skills do you think are necessary for successful ministry?
- What insights did you gain from being in leadership?
- What did you expect from this ministry opportunity?
- As a result of your experience, what is one piece of advice you would give someone coming into ministry?

C. What have you learned about **yourself**?

- How did your perceptions about people or ministry change?
- How was an understanding of your own giftedness shaped or clarified by this experience?
- What one aspect of this past experience did you enjoy the most? Why?
- What one aspect of this past experience did you enjoy the least? Why?
- What expectations did you have of yourself before you began this ministry experience?
- Now that you've had some ministry experience, what expectations do you have of yourself as you face new opportunities?

This synthesis will be 3 full pages in length and written according to the requirements given in the *NBC Student Handbook*. Grading will be based on clarity, content, spelling, grammar and the student's ability to follow the instructions given. This synthesis is due by 5:00 PM on the dates specified below.

First semester: **Thursday, November 29, 2018.**

Second semester: **Thursday, March 28, 2019.**

3. Site Supervisor Evaluation (25%)

Each student will be evaluated by his or her site supervisor. In the case of Facedown, Living Proof, "365", RAs and Royals wRECK, your NBC Ministry Supervisor will do your evaluation. For those involved with off-campus ministry, the evaluation will be given by your site supervisor and will concern itself with such components as: Participation/cooperation, attendance, friendliness toward people, skills/attitudes demonstrated, and relationship to co-workers.

4. Debriefing

Each team of students will meet to debrief with the Student Ministry Director or their NBC Ministry Supervisor at least once each month. As such, teams or individuals will need to be prepared to report on their involvement, discuss the results of their ministry outings and pray together. For those students working with Mr. Smith, debrief sessions will be scheduled for Wednesday afternoon from 3-5 PM as per the "Weekly Schedule" in the *Student Handbook*.

Even though there is no grades given for debrief sessions, they are a required part of the student's ministry responsibilities. As such, attendance is expected and truancy will be addressed.

5. Vehicle Use

Students involved with off-campus ministry will require the use of a vehicle. Two options are available to you. One, you may book a college vehicle. These are limited; plan ahead. Bookings can be made on the sheets provided in the staff

lounge. Or, you may also choose to use your own personal vehicle. Students choosing to do this will be financially reimbursed by the college's business manager at a rate of \$3.00 per trip into town, or .40 per kilometer if you travel out of town. Be aware, it will be the responsibility of the student who uses their personal vehicle to speak with Kendall Dyck about reimbursement.