



Nipawin Bible College
Course: PR121 – Freshman Ministry Practicum
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3 Credits
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Learning about getting involved in missions is good, but there is a point in every believer's life that makes them want more. However, a number of things may hold them back: a lack of knowing what ministry opportunities there are is one such hinderance.

In answer to this, FMP is designed to expose the freshman class to various missions opportunities within Saskatchewan. Students will be split into teams and sent out to a location to learn from people who've spent much of their lives in ministry. Each location has a different emphasis and philosophy, yet all work toward to the greater cause of the Kingdom of God. This is an exciting, intensive, and valuable addition to the freshmen learning experience.

COURSE TEXTBOOKS

Ministering Cross-Culturally: An Incarnational Model for Personal Relationships (2nd ed.) by Sherwood Lingenfelter (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003).

THE BIG QUESTION

What kind of ministry opportunities are there around us? How difficult is it to get involved in these ministries?

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1) The student will gain a conscious awareness of the differing cultural settings within Canada.
- 2) The student will gain familiarity in serving in a vocational ministry context.
- 3) The student will gain an increased understanding and awareness of their spiritual gifts.
- 4) The student will have an increased desire to dedicate one's life to serving Christ in practical ways.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Textbook Reading – 25%

- Each student is expected to read the entire assigned textbook. You do not need to interact with the text but will be required to submit a reading report. This will show what percentage of the book you've read based on the individual chapters. For example, if you read the book in its entirety with the exception of the last chapter, you will only get docked marks for the last chapter. This runs off the honesty system, so remember to have integrity while filling this out. Example: "I have read 92% of the assigned reading". To do this take the total amount of pages assigned and calculate the percentage based off how many of those pages you read (hint... It's out of 178 pages).

Due: January 15th, 2019

Practicum Journal – 25%

- You will be required to keep a journal throughout the duration of the ministry time at your respected sites. These journals must be updated daily, providing details such as: what activities did you engage in, what did you experience in regard to the cultural setting, etc. They should provide insight into the overall ministry experience. This is intended to show the coordinators (the only ones who will read your journals) your involvement and perception of what was going on at each individual ministry spot you were at.
- Beyond these daily reflections, you will be expected to include some personal reflection about what God has been revealing to you throughout the ministry time. Don't be afraid to be vulnerable; remember that honesty about your thoughts and feelings can be a healthy way of working through things. Here are some things to keep in mind during this time of reflection. These can be added into the end of the journal after you have returned from your sites and have time to reflect on your time there.
 - What significant personal experiences have you had where you have seen God's hand at work in a specific situation?
 - What Scripture passages have helped you understand your Christian duty during your ministry time?
 - Who in your life has impacted your walk with Christ? What made them so influential in your life? Do you believe that your short time interacting with people during this time could be impactful?
 - How has knowing God changed your life and attitude from your past to the present? Do you believe that this trip was more powerful than it would have been if you had done it before your time at Bible College?
 - What were some of the clear benefits of being a follower of Christ during your time on FMP?

Due: January 25th, 2019

Ministry Synthesis Paper – 30%

- This assignment is meant to give you the time to offer up a critique about yourself. You will be required to write **6 pages** minimum that address the following questions:
 - What have you learned about yourself?
 - How do you feel you were able to do at your location? What were you able to process what you observed?
 - How did God use your unique giftings during your ministry time?
 - What have you learned about others?
 - How do you feel your team was able to work together? Was it smooth or were there times of struggle?
 - What did you learn about teamwork in ministry?
 - What have you learned about ministry?
 - What did you learn about the people who you were ministering to? Was the experience what you expected or was the actual experience much different than you thought it would be?
 - From your observation, how do you feel the local ministries adapted their style of leadership and communication of the Gospel to better minister to the cultural surroundings? How did they meet the needs of the community?
 - How can intentional observation, listening, and relationship building in a cross-cultural community help you to become a better communicator of God's story in that community? Did you have a chance during the practicum to observe or experience this reality?

Due: February 1st, 2019

Peer Evaluations – 20%

- Each student will be given evaluation sheets for themselves, their peers, leaders, and site supervisors in a number of areas. Some of these areas are a willingness and openness to learn, willingness to serve, contribution to the needs of the team, flexibility, and a dedication to active involvement. Evaluation forms will be provided following the student's return to NBC.

Due: January 25th, 2019.

All written assignments are to be typed in accordance with the NBC Study Guide for papers. Assignments will be graded on the basis of content, clarity, grammar, and spelling. Assignments will be due **no later than 5:00 pm** on the day that they are assigned.

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2018-19

LATE ASSIGNMENT POLICY:

- Refer to the NBC Handbook 2018-19

Reading: 178 pages

Writing: 6 pages