

Canadian Bible College

Calgary, Alberta

Course: The Spiritual Life and the Practice of Ministry, DEV 218

Term: September-December 2003

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Course Description

This course will look at the relationship between spiritual/personal or character formation (i.e. devotional life) and the practice of ministry and attempt to bring closer together our spiritual/personal or character formation and our practice of ministry.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Integrate personal/spiritual formation with the practice of ministry;
2. Demonstrate an understanding of spirituality and ministry practice through the development of a project and/or a proposal;
3. Engage in critical reflection about the nature of ministry and spirituality; and
5. Develop and grow in a consistent devotional life as a foundation for your walk with God

Prerequisite

Must be currently in a Student Ministry or in a significant ministry approved by the instructor and register the Student Ministry with the Field Education Department

Required Textbooks

MBTI Inventory (\$10.00)

Other handouts as needed.

Course Requirements

Attendance and Participation

Devotional Plan- 25%

Action Research Project- 50%

Ministry Placement- 25%

Attendance and Participation

In order to gain full benefit from the course, each student is expected to attend and participate in all classes. **A student missing more than one of the scheduled classes will not be able to receive a passing grade for the course.**

Devotional Plan (25%)

I will lead you through the fulfillment of this three phased assignment. The first phase is the draft of the Devotional Plan that is based on personality and spirituality that we have so far discussed in class. This will be due September 17, 2003. The implementation of the Devotional Plan will begin immediately. In phase 2, you will individually meet with me on October 13-15, 2003 to make any revisions to your Devotional Plan. In phase 3, you will individually meet with me on the week of December 8, 2003 to assess the implementation of the Devotional Plan and to discuss final grades for the Devotional Plan.

Action Research Project (50%)

There are 3 phases to the project. The first phase is a proposal of the project (3-5 pages, 10%) and a short class presentation. This will be due October 8, 2003. The second phase is a 30 minute class presentation of your research (November 26, December 3, and 10). To facilitate a good presentation, please do use powerpoint, overheads, handouts, and etc (15%). The final phase is the final report (8-12 pages double spaced, 25%). The final report needs to demonstrate how practice is improved based on your beliefs about personal/spiritual formation. The due date for the final project is December 10th.

Ministry Placement (25%)

The ministry placement is the context in which you practice and is the setting for the Action Research project. The supervisor will do the mid and final assessments of the Student Ministry evaluations and submit them to the Field Education Department. Also, the Ministry and Learning Agreement is due October 6, 2003. After successfully completing the ministry placement, there is the possibility of receiving one student ministry credit.

Late Submission of Assignments

Assignments must be handed in class. Each day that the assignment is late, 1% will be taken off the grade.

Class Schedule/Due Dates

September 3- Introduction, go over syllbus, and administer MBTI

September 10- MBTI and Spirituality

September 17- Action Research Method/Improving Practice

- Draft of Devotional Plan due

September 24- No class (Day of Prayer)

October 1- No class

October 6- Submit Ministry and Learning Agreement

October 8- Sharing Proposals for Action Research Project

- Action Research proposal due and short class presentation

October 13 to 15- Set appointment with instructor to discuss progress of Devotional Plan

October 22- Work on Project- No class
October 29- No class (Mission Emphasis)

November 5- Work on Project- No class
November 10- Student and Supervisor Mid-Evaluation due
November 12- Work on Project- No class
November 19- Work on Project- No class
November 26-Class Presentation

December 3- Class Presentation
Week of December 8th- Set appointment with instructor to evaluate and grade of Devotional Plan
December 10- Class Presentation
- Action Research project due
December 17- Student and Supervisor Final Evaluation due