

## **PMCP8301 Church Planting Leadership**

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### **NOBTS Mission Statement**

The mission of the 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.

### **NOBTS Core Value Focus**

This course focuses on the core value of Doctrinal Integrity.

### **Course Description**

This course is a study of church planting leadership, with a particular focus on mentoring emerging church planter leaders in the North American context. Three systems of contemporary church planting leadership development and six church planting models will be introduced and evaluated. Theological research applicable to leadership development theory is emphasized.

### **Seminar Objectives**

*Knowledge:*

1. Understand at least three ways to develop leaders.
2. Know the pros and cons of at least six church models.
3. Different communities, people groups, or cultures respond to different churches.
4. A person may know his or her personal strengths.

*Beliefs:*

1. Individuals tend to prefer one of the leadership development styles over the others.
2. Different communities, people groups, or cultures respond better to some church models than to others.
3. To reach an entire area for Christ requires several different kinds of churches.
4. People work best from their strengths.

*Skills:*

1. Students will be able to lead a purposeful, leadership development group.
2. Students will be able to match a church model to some of the different cultures and people groups within their community.
3. Students will be able to identify their own strengths, develop a plan to work from their strengths, and help others do the same.
4. Students will be able to develop and interact with others in an online social community.

### **Course Meetings**

This course meets Wed, Mar 18, 1–9pm; Thur, Mar 19, 8am-8pm; and Fri, Mar 20, 8:am-Noon.

### **Pre-Seminar Assignments: Reading, Facebook Notes and Church Planting Strategy**

1. Open a Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)). Post your picture and make some friends, including Dr. Allen.
2. Read *Now Discover Your Strengths*, by Marcus Buckingham and Donald Clifton, take the “Strengths Finder” profile online (directions are included in the book). Email a copy of the profile to Dr. Allen at least one week before the first class meeting.
3. Read *Mindset*, by Carol S. Dweck, and post an annotated analysis as a note on Facebook. Your analysis should include content and critique, and should be able to be read in less than five minutes. Avoid first person. Use parenthetical page number references wherever appropriate.
4. Read *Leadership as a Lifestyle*, by John Hawkins, and post a Facebook note on it.
5. Read *Organic Disciplemaking: Mentoring Others into Spiritual Maturity and Leadership*, by Dennis McCallum and Jessica Lowery, and post a Facebook note on it as well.
6. Read one of the following books (your choice), and—you should have figured this out by now—post a Facebook note on it. (Five books, five notes.)
  - a. *Spin-Off Churches*, by Rodney Harrison, Tom Cheyney, and Don Overstreet.
  - b. *Leadership Coaching: The Discipline, Skills, and Heart of a Christian Coach*, by Tony Stoltzfus.
7. Based on your reading and other documented research, post a Facebook note explaining three different ways of developing leaders that you discovered. Clarify which of the ways you prefer and why you prefer it. Include plans that you have for leading a group of leaders—this may mean you need to post yet another note, which is fine with me (we do not want these notes getting too long).
8. Using the information available at the Center for Missional Research ([www.namb.net/cmnr](http://www.namb.net/cmnr)) and The North American People Groups Project ([www.peoplegroups.info](http://www.peoplegroups.info)), create a map showing the location of two groups in your geographic area most likely to be responsive to a new church. Tell us why you chose the groups, and what model of church you will use to reach each one. Students will provide each class member with a copy of their map(s) and documented analysis.

### **Seminar Assignments: Class Presentation and Participation**

9. Each student will present his or her church planting strategy to the class in no more than ten minutes followed by twenty minutes of Q & A. Feel free to use PowerPoint or equivalent slides. Keep in mind that several of our students may be in classrooms at extension centers in another city. Students will need to figure out how to get their information in the hands of other students.
10. Each student should be prepared to participate in all class discussions.

### **Post-Seminar Assignment: Leadership Group Evaluation**

11. During the weeks following our class time, start and lead a group that develops leaders. By April 20, submit a two-page paper evaluating your group leadership style, tactics, challenges, and successes.

### **Course Evaluation**

- Reading and Facebook notes (#1-7 above) . . . . . 25%
- Church planting strategy handouts and presentation (#8-9) . . . . . 25%
- Class participation (#10) . . . . . 25%
- Group evaluation (#11) . . . . . 25%

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