The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church.

**Purpose of the Course**

The purpose of this course is to explore the nature of spiritual gifts and their role in women's ministry.

**Core Value Focus**

*Doctrinal Integrity* – Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. Our confessional commitments are outlined in the Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

*Spiritual Vitality* – We are a worshiping community, with both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word.

*Mission Focus* – We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

*Characteristic Excellence* – What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Servant Leadership* – We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

Annually, the President will designate a core value that will become the focus of pedagogy for the year. For 2014-2015 academic year that Core Value is *Spiritual Vitality*.

**Curriculum Competencies Addressed**

This course will address the following curriculum competencies:

1. *Biblical Exposition*: The student will explore biblical teachings about spiritual gifts and their function in the church.

2. *Christian Theological Heritage*: The student will explore theological and historical background for spiritual gifts.
3. *Disciple Making:* The student will learn to facilitate spiritual growth in Christian women.

4. *Interpersonal Skills:* The student will improve interpersonal and ministry skills.

5. *Servant Leadership:* The student will discover how to lead others toward spiritual maturity and use of spiritual gifts.

6. *Spiritual and Character Formation:* The student will develop personal and spiritual maturity as she learns to use her spiritual gifts more effectively.

7. *Worship Leadership:* The student will increase skills for leading others to use their spiritual gifts in the church.

**Course Description**

This course is designed to study the scriptural basis of the Holy Spirit and His gifts in an effort to develop and use the spiritual gifts of women through the church.

**Learning Objectives**

By the completion of this course, each student should be able to accomplish the following:

1. Understand the Holy Spirit and His gifts.
2. Learn the scriptural basis for spiritual gifts.
3. Identify, develop, and use their own spiritual gifts for ministry to others.
4. Develop strategies for training women to use their spiritual gifts through the local church.

**Required Readings**

The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.


**Course Teaching Methodology**

**Units of Study.** Topics will include:

1. Introduction to Spiritual Gifts
2. Romans 12 Listing
3. Spiritual Gifts Inventory /Small Group Discussion
4. 1 Corinthians 12 Listing
5. Ephesians 4 Listing  
6. Spiritual Gifts in the Church  
7. Developing Your Spiritual Gifts for Ministry  
8. Gifted for Service  

Teaching Method. This course will utilize lecture and interactive discovery-learning and will be team-taught. The student should expect different presentation formats to enhance the learning motif.

Netiquette: Appropriate Online Behavior

Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on the Discussion Board. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

1. Students will attend class according to the graduate catalog.  
2. Students will participate in class discussion including a separate session for graduate students.  
3. Students will read the assigned textbooks and provide a written statement of completion which will be due four weeks from the last day of class.  
4. Students will write a book review of the primary textbook. The review should include the following section headings:
   - Bibliographical Information
     (Author, title, place of publication, publisher, date of publication)  
   - Purpose of the Book
     (Check forward, introduction, and first few pages for stated purpose)  
   - Summary of Content
     (Brief description of main ideas)  
   - Organization and Content
     (Clarity, writing style, readability)  
   - Evaluation
     (Accomplishment of purpose, weaknesses, strengths, usefulness of book)  

The book review should be ten to fifteen pages, typed double spaced following *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate Turabian, published by University of Chicago Press.

5. Students will complete a take home final examination. It will be due four weeks from the last day of class.

The reading statement, book review, and final exam should be mailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley,
NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to rkelley@nobts.edu. Requirements must be received by the end of each semester or the student will receive a course grade of an “F”. Students may request an incomplete in the course in case of emergency. Please see the Graduate catalog for details about the request process.

**Course Evaluation**

This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School:

- **A** = 93-100  
  ¼ = Class Attendance/Class Participation
- **B** = 85-92  
  ¼ = Reading Assignment
- **C** = 77-84  
  ¼ = Book Review
- **D** = 70-76  
  ¼ = Take Home Final Examination
- **F** = Below 70

**Course Schedule**

**Monday, August 3, 2015**

1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Welcome/Orientation/Registration  
Mixer/Introductions  
Introduction to Spiritual Gifts  
Romans 12 Listing (part 1)

6:00-9:00 p.m.  
Directed Quiet Time  
Romans 12 Listing (part 2)  
Spiritual Gifts Inventory /Small Group Discussion

**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Worship and Praise  
1 Corinthians 12 Listing

1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Ephesians 4 Listing  
Spiritual Gifts in the Church

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.  
Worship and Praise  
Developing Your Spiritual Gifts for Ministry  
Gifted for Service  
Closing Commitment

**Selected Bibliography**


