



**Lifestyle Witnessing for Women  
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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
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### **Mission Statement**

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 and its ministries.

### **Core Value Focus**

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Servant Leadership: We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us.

### **Curriculum Competencies**

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, and Spiritual and Character Formation.

### **Course Description**

This course is designed to thoroughly discuss the nature of witnessing, the personal character of the witness, and the process of witnessing in order to empower women as personal witnesses and as leaders in witness training.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

By the completion of the course, each student will be able to:

1. Explore the nature of witnessing.
2. Understand how to be an effective witness.
3. Be familiar with witness training resources.
4. Implement strategies for evangelistic appeals and evangelistic events in her church women's ministry.

## Textbooks

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

1. Rainer, Thom S. *The Unchurched Next Door: Understanding Faith Stages as Keys to Sharing Your Faith*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008. ISBN: 0310286123
2. Kelley, Charles S. Jr. *Fuel the Fire: Lessons from the History of Southern Baptist Evangelism*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2018. ISBN: 1535908238

## Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies: lecture and interactive discovery-learning and will be offered on the main campus during a three-day academic workshop.

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

1. The Nature of Witnessing
2. The Character of a Witness
3. Barriers to Witnessing
4. Prayer and Witnessing
5. The Holy Spirit and Witnessing
6. HeartCall: Women Sharing God's Heart
7. Witness Training Resources
8. Evangelistic Events

## Course Requirements

1. Attend class. The course is divided into 8 one-week units. Each week's unit will have a variety of in-class content items, typically consisting of a video lecture and a slide show. Class attendance is based on a self-reported percentage of content completed. The student will provide a written statement of the percentage of completion of all in-class content items, **due Friday, July 27**.
2. Participate in class discussion. Participation is determined by postings and responses in the Threaded Discussions held each week. These discussions will be related to the material covered in each week's content. All students are required to post a minimum of three responses in the discussion each week: one in answer to the presenting questions, and two in response to classmates' postings. In order for the threaded discussion to be of maximum benefit to everyone involved it is recommended that you stay as close to the course schedule as possible—so that everyone will participate in the discussion in the same week. Late postings will be penalized one point for each day late. Please limit discussions in this venue to the assigned topic. Students may email or use the miscellaneous forum to discuss other topics with your classmates. Graduate students are also required to post at least one posting per week in a graduate only discussion of the Ranier book. **Blackboard closes to students on Friday, July, 27, 2018.**

3. Read assigned textbooks and other reading assignments. Reading assignments will include readings from the textbooks, Scripture, and other sources. The student will provide a written statement of completion of all reading assignments, **due Friday, July 27**.
4. Develop an evangelistic event to be used in your women's ministry. The project report should include the following section headings:
  - Type of Event
  - Program, Committees
  - Budget, Format
  - Schedule
  - Site
  - Publicity
  - Music Coordination
  - Food Service
  - Child Care
  - Timeline
  - Follow-up
 The project report 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. Projects are **due Friday, July 27**.
5. Complete a take home final examination. Final exam will be posted on Blackboard under "Course Documents and will be **due Friday, July 27**.

The class attendance statement, reading statement, report, and final exam should be sent by mail to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or by e-mail rkelley@nobts.edu) **by Friday, July 27**.

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	1/4 = Class Attendance/Participation
B = 85-92	1/4 = Reading Assignments
C = 77-84	1/4 = Project Report
D = 70-76	1/4 = Take-home final exam
F = Below 70	

### **Course Schedule**

Week One: Nature of Witnessing  
*Begins: June 4, 2018*

Week Two: The Character of a Witness  
*Begins: June 11, 2018*

Week Three: Barriers to Witnessing  
*Begins: June 18, 2018*

Week Four: Prayer and Witnessing  
*Begins: June 25, 2018*

Week Five: The Holy Spirit and Witnessing  
*Begins: July 2, 2018*

Week Six: HeartCall: Women Sharing God's Heart  
*Begins: July 9, 2018*

Week Seven: Witness Training Resources  
*Begins: July 16, 2018*

Week Eight: Evangelistic Events  
*Begins: July 23, 2018*

***(Blackboard closes on Friday, July 27, 2018)***

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504.816.8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support request with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) – Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Reading Assignments**

Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments.

### **Classroom Parameters**

Utilize laptops and other technology for class purposes.

Respect the professor and other members of the class.

Maintain confidentiality when someone shares personal information.

Participate in class and group discussions.

### **Academic Policies**

Academic policies related to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: [New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog](#).

## **Policy for Graduating Seniors**

Graduating Seniors are responsible for alerting the professor of your intention to graduate. All of your assignments must be completed by noon (12:00 PM) on the Wednesday prior to commencement exercises.

## **Netiquette**

Netiquette refers to appropriate online behavior in Blackboard or other online discussions. Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on Discussion Boards or whenever interaction occurs through web, digital, or other electronic medium. 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.

## **Academic Honesty Policy**

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

## **Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing tips, and valuable information to help in become a better writer.

## **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties and policies associated with plagiarism are clearly defined.

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