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.

**Purpose of the Course**
The purpose of this course is to show students a wide spectrum of recreation and sports ministry opportunities for the local church and beyond.

**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. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

*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 2013-2014 academic year that Core Value is *Doctrinal Integrity*.

**Curriculum Competencies Addressed**
This course will address the following curriculum competencies: (Include only those competencies address in your course.)
1. **Biblical exposition**: Learn to communicate scriptural truth in a succinct manner that will engage and challenge the listener, no matter the recreation setting.

2. **Effective servant leadership**: Discover how to serve those who cannot repay, as well as lead them in developing spiritually, physically, socially, and mentally.

3. **Interpersonal relationships**: Build relationships with other conference attendees and leaders through intentional interaction.

4. **Disciple making**: Receive training in recreation and sports ministry leadership from those who are experienced role models, thus preparing for opportunities to train others.

5. **Spiritual and character formation**: Apply learning for personal growth in areas of scripture memory, biblical worldview, and elements of the gospel.

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**Course Description**

This multi-day conference is an opportunity to gain applicable information from numerous seminar offerings in the area of church recreation, sports ministry, and age-group emphases. In addition, Rec Lab serves as an excellent place to network with church recreators from around the country. Each student is required to cover his/her own conference fees,* travel/housing expenses, and matriculation costs.

**Learning Objectives**

The student involved in this course should be able to accomplish the following:

1) Have a grasp regarding the breadth of opportunity available through the ministry tool of church recreation;
2) Gain exposure to a number of different experienced seminar presenters on the use of church recreation and sports ministry as a ministry tool in church and mission settings;
3) Be able to document several sources (people, books, and periodicals) available to help them further their understanding of church recreation and sports ministry; and
4) Have an appreciation for the benefit of using a ministry tool such as church recreation and sports ministry to reach our leisure-oriented culture.

**Required Readings**

The instructor and student will confer on the book best applicable to applying recreation and sports ministry concepts in his/her current ministry situation.

**Course Teaching Methodology**

**Units of Study.** Seminars will be offered throughout the conference to cover the ins and outs of the broad scope of sports and recreation ministry in any size church. Students will learn how to make those efforts intentionally evangelistic and discipleship-oriented. Possible topics include

- Trends in Culture Affecting Sports/Rec Ministry
- Personal Development – *Spiritual, Marital, Relationships*
Teaching Method. This course is offered during the National Sports and Recreation Ministry Conference, held annually.

Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

1) Attend a seminar in each time offering (40%)
2) Write a half-page, single-spaced synopsis of each seminar attended (20%)
3) Interview someone in attendance at Rec Lab who has been involved in church recreation for at least five years (the longer the better). Write up the highlights of this interview and how you benefitted from time spent with this person. (20%)
4) Select one recreation-oriented book (be sure to have it approved by Rec Lab supervising instructor Judi Jackson) and write a 2-3 page review, noting specifically how this book can be utilized in your ministry. (20%)

Course Policies

Each of the assignments is to be mailed to Dr. Judi Jackson, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 four weeks after the event is completed.
* To register for Rec Lab, contact www.nsrmc.org or 405-878-2505
* To register for academic credit for attending this conference, contact NOBTS at 800-NOBTS-01. (After the registration deadline, please contact Dr. Mike Edens at medens@nobts.edu for permission to enroll.)
* If you have questions about either registration process, please contact Dr. Jackson at either the phone number or email address listed above.

Netiquette: Appropriate Online Behavior. 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.

Course Schedule
Tentative National Sports & Recreation Ministry Conference Schedule

Sunday
Check-in at FBC Orlando 4:30 – 6:30
Worship/Music 6:30 – 8:00
Evening Fellowship/dessert 8:00 – 9:00

Monday-Wednesday
Big 3 8:45 – 9:30
Class 1 9:40 – 10:30
Break 10:30 – 10:40
Class 2 10:40 – 11:30
Bible Study 11:40 – 12:30
Lunch 12:30 – 1:15 (lunch provided)
Class 3 1:15 – 2:15 (round table discussions)
Worship/Music 7:00 – 8:30
Evening Fellowship 8:30 – 9:00

(Please note: The above schedule is subject to change.)

Selected Bibliography


