



ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

**Ministry to Women through the Local Church  
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**Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

**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 Mission Focus: Our Seminary does not exist merely to get an education or to give an education. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

**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: Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, and Servant Leadership.

**Course Description**

This course is designed to identify the needs and gifts of women today in order to build a more effective women's ministry in the local church. Students will explore the biblical foundations and various models of women's ministry. In addition, students will examine all components of a comprehensive women's ministry program.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Understand the biblical teachings about the roles of women in the church.
2. Be aware of strategies to build women's work in the local church.
3. Recognize the needs of women to be met through the church.
4. Identify the spiritual gifts of women to be used in ministry.

5. Implement various programs for women in the local church.
6. Develop a purpose statement to guide your 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. King, Kelly D. *Ministry to Women: The Essential Guide for Leading Women in the Local Church*. Nashville, TN: Lifeway Press, 2018. ISBN: 1535902892
2. Furman, Gloria and Kathleen B. Nielson. *Word-Filled Women's Ministry: Loving and Serving the Church*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015. ISBN: 1433545233

### **Course Requirements**

1. **Attend class.** This course is divided into 8 one-week units. Each week's unit will typically consist of a slide show and video lecture. The student will provide a written statement of the percentage of completion of all in-class content items. This assignment is due March 12, 2021.
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 main 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 and post your initial response by Wednesday of each week. All responses are due by Sunday evening at 11:59pm of each week. New units will begin on Monday. **Late postings will be penalized 1/2 point for each day late. Please note the course will close on Blackboard on Friday March 12.**
3. **Read the assigned textbook 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 March 12, 2021.**
4. **Write a critical review of *Word-Filled Women's Ministry*, due Friday, March 12, 2021.** The review should be 5-7 pages (typed, double-spaced), following the *NOBTS Manual of Form and Style*. The book review should include the following sections:
  - Bibliographical Information
  - Purpose of the Book (1 pg)
  - Organization and Content (1pg)
  - Evaluation (3-5 pgs)

- Accomplishment of purpose
- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Usefulness for ministry to women

5. **Conduct two interviews with leaders of women’s ministries** (one local church or denominational paid staff member and one local church volunteer layperson if possible). Submit a 4-5 page typed summary of the findings from the interviews which should include but are not limited to: (1) the leader’s philosophy of ministry; (2) hints/guidelines this leader uses in program planning; (3) ways this leader develops leaders within her ministry; and (4) the ‘take-away’ or highlight of the interview. The format for the assignment should follow the *NOBTS Manual of Form and Style*. **This assignment is due Friday, March 12, 2021.**
  
6. **Develop a Purpose Statement** for strategic, intentional ministry to women in your local church. Reflect on course readings, examine 2-3 purpose statements from other ministries, and conduct research to inform the work. The submitted assignment should cite at least one of the required readings and two additional, outside sources. Both sources should be academic and only one may be an online source. Include your personal calling to ministry, ministry philosophy, and their connection to your church’s mission statement. The paper should be 6-8 pages in length (typed, double-spaced) following the *NOBTS Manual of Form and Style*. **This assignment is due Friday, March 12, 2021.**

### Evaluation of Grade

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

A = 93-100	20% =Discussion Board Participation
B = 85-92	10% = Reading Assignments
C = 77-84	20% = Book Review
D = 70-76	20% = Interview Summary
F = 69 and below	30% = Purpose Statement

### 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.

## **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 Students**

Graduating students 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. This is the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and essays. <http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html>. 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.

## Course Schedule

**Week One: The Biblical Basics of Ministry to Women: The Balance and the Basics**  
*begins: January 19, 2021*

**Week Two: Beginning a Ministry to Women: How to Start & Develop**  
*begins: January 25, 2021*

**Week Three: Leading Ministry to Women: The Leadership Team  
Identifying Spiritual Gifts: The Places to Serve**  
*begins: February 1, 2021*

**Week Four: Making Disciples: Discipleship and Bible Study  
Connecting the Generations: Mentoring Younger Women**  
*begins: February 8, 2021*

**Week Five: Meeting Needs: Support Groups and Lay Counseling  
Ministering in Crisis: Pain and Suffering**  
*begins: February 15, 2021*

**Week Six: Fellowshiping with Others: Special Events for Women  
Applying Practical Tools: The Nuts & Bolts of Planning**  
*begins: February 22, 2021*

**Week Seven: Reaching Others: Outreach, Evangelism, & Missions**  
*begins: March 1, 2021*

**Week Eight: Communicating the Message: Publicity & Promotion  
Building Your Resources**  
*begins March 8, 2021*

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## Student Services

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Advising – Undergraduate Program	<a href="mailto:lcadminasst@nobts.edu">lcadminasst@nobts.edu</a>	504.816.8590	<a href="http://www.nobts.edu/LeavellCollege">www.nobts.edu/LeavellCollege</a>
Church Minister Relations (for ministry jobs)	<a href="mailto:cmr@nobts.edu">cmr@nobts.edu</a>	504.282.4455 x3291	<a href="http://www.nobts.edu/CMR">www.nobts.edu/CMR</a>
Financial Aid	<a href="mailto:financialaid@nobts.edu">financialaid@nobts.edu</a>	504.282.4455 x3348	<a href="http://www.nobts.edu/financialaid">www.nobts.edu/financialaid</a>
PREP (help to avoid student debt)	<a href="mailto:Prepassistant1@nobts.edu">Prepassistant1@nobts.edu</a>	504.816.8091	<a href="http://www.nobts.edu/prep">www.nobts.edu/prep</a>
Gatekeeper NOBTS news	<a href="mailto:pr@nobts.edu">pr@nobts.edu</a>	504.816.8003	<a href="http://nobtsgatekeeper.wordpress.com">nobtsgatekeeper.wordpress.com</a>
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Women’s Programs	<a href="mailto:womensacademic@nobts.edu">womensacademic@nobts.edu</a>	504.282.4455 x3334	<a href="http://www.nobts.edu/women">www.nobts.edu/women</a>

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