



Special Topics in Women's Ministry Leadership CEWM 6192

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Discipleship & Ministry Leadership Division
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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: 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. 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 addressing in this course are: Disciple Making and Servant Leadership.

Course Description

This course is designed to expose students to current leadership issues in Women's Ministry by attending the Abide Women's Conference. Presentations from outstanding leaders in women's missions and ministry will provide information that can be applied in the local church. In addition, students will have the opportunity to network with women's ministry leaders and learn about available resources for women's ministry.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the course, the student will:

1. Understand current trends in leadership relating to women's ministry.
2. Identify leadership principles in women's ministry.
3. Recognize leadership personnel and resources in women's ministry.
4. Apply relevant leadership skills in her own ministry context.

Required Readings

The following text is required and should be in its entirety.

Wilkin, Jen. *Women of the Word*, 2nd ed. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019.

Optional texts:

Gallaty, Kandi. *Disciple Her: Using the Word, Work, and Wonder of God to Invest in Women*. Nashville, TN: B & H Publishing, 2019. ISBN: 978-1535902472

Scott, Halee Gray. *Dare Mighty Things: Mapping the Challenges of Leadership for Christian Women*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014. ISBN: 978-0310514442

Course Teaching Methodology

Lectures and Power Point presentations will be provided by conference's main speakers and breakout session instructors as well as small group discussion and networking opportunities.

Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

1. **Enroll.** Students will enroll in the course with NOBTS as well as registering for the conference. Students are responsible for own transportation, housing, and meals.
2. **Read the Required Textbook.** Students will read the required textbook and submit a statement of completion.
3. **Attend Sessions.** Students will attend all sessions of the Abide Women's Conference including main sessions and breakout sessions.
4. **Meet for Debriefing Session.** Students will meet with course instructor during conference for debriefing.
5. **Summarize Conference Notes.** Students will take notes during all sessions and submit a typed copy of conference notes. For each breakout session attended, submit a minimum of two ideas, methodologies, or skills that may be applied in ministry to women. Include a summary section at the conclusion of the report, reflecting on the notes taken from the conference with at least 2-3 themes mentioned in the textbooks discussing related concerns in women's ministry.
6. **Conduct Interviews.** Students will interview 2 women leaders at the conference with more than 10 years of experience in women's ministry (preferably in local church ministry; a parachurch or denominational entity should be approved by the instructor before moving forward with the assignment). Prepare a double-spaced, typed report based on these interviews, compiling your discussion topics and their responses.
7. **Write an Evaluation Report.** Students will write an evaluation report. The evaluation should be 6-8 pages (excluding cover and bibliography) and should include the section headings listed below:
 - Identifying Information about the Conference
 - Purpose of the Conference
 - Summary of the Sessions (not as in depth as the above assignment)
 - Evaluation of Speakers/Content (include highlights and constructive criticism)
 - Personal Application of the Conference

All assignments will be **due no later than Friday, March 19, 2021** and should be emailed to edean@nobts.edu. Requirements must be received by the end of each semester or the student will receive a course grade of an “F”.

Evaluation of Grade

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

A = 93 – 100	20% = Conference Attendance
B = 85-92	15% = Textbook Reading
C = 77-84	15% = Conference Notes Summary
D = 70-76	20% = Interviews
F = Below 70	30% = Evaluation Report

Course Policies

Late Work

An automatic 10-point deduction will be taken for work submitted after the due date. Additional points will be deducted based on the number of days the submission is late. Requirements must be received by the end of each semester or the student will receive a course grade of an “F”.

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.

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

This is the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and essays. <http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html> You will discover writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help you become a better writer. Go here for Turabian and APA style helps and guidelines. You will also find language fonts for Greek and Hebrew.

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.

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Please be aware that plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. Refer to the NOBTS Student

Handbook <http://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/student-services/NOBTSHandbook.pdf> where the definition, penalties and policies associated with plagiarism are clearly defined.

Blackboard and ITC Technical Support

Blackboard is the instructional platform used in this class. Please make sure that your contact information is accurate and up-to-date. If you need assistance, please contact the Information Technology Center (Hardin Student Center 290 or call **504.816.8180**). Here are other helpful links to ITC assistance. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support request for help with the site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.) BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard System. For Student Assistance in using Blackboard, visit: [Student Bb Help](#). ITCSupport@nobts.edu - for general technical questions/support requests. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Course Schedule

Full schedule and registration links are available at <https://prepareher.com/abide/>

Friday, February 19th		
4:30	Registration begins	Leavell Chapel Porch
5:00	Dinner (w/ meal plan purchase)	River City Cafe
6:00	Doors Open	Leavell Chapel
6:30	Main Session #1	Leavell Chapel
8:15	Break-Out Sessions #1	Various Locations
9:15	Snacks & Fellowship	In front of Leavell Chapel
10:00	Friday Evening Concludes	
Saturday, February 20th		
7:45	Breakfast (w/ meal plan purchase)	River City Cafe
9:00	Main Session #2	Leavell Chapel
10:45	Break-Out Sessions #2	Various Locations
11:45	Lunch (w/ meal plan purchase)	In front of Leavell Chapel
1:00	Break-out Sessions #3	Various Locations

2:15	Main Session #3	Leavell Chapel
3:00	Conference Concludes	

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