Strategies and Models for Contemporary Family Ministry
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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to follow Christ, proclaim His truth and Fulfill his mission.

The Purpose of the Course
The seminar is designed to survey contemporary family life and to investigate concerns involved in family living. The role of family life education in the local Baptist church in addressing these needs is stressed. Special attention is given to current literature in the field. Family life education projects will be developed and evaluated.

Core Value Emphasis

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 worshipping 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. The core value for the 2020-21 academic year is Mission Focus.
Student Outcomes

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic principles, procedures, guidelines, and available resources for the role of family life in the ministry of Christian education in the local church. The student involved in this process should be able to accomplish the following:

1. Identify current societal issues influencing the family.
2. Discuss concerns that may be addressed through family life education in the church.
3. Demonstrate special understanding of one chosen researched problem or need.
4. Present a family life education project for use in his/her church.
5. Evaluate his/her church in the area of family ministry.

Course Teaching Methodology

This course will utilize a lecture and interactive discovery-learning format.

Required Texts

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


Assignments and Evaluation Criteria

Assignment Formatting:

• Unless otherwise noted, all assignments are to be created in Turabian format. (most recent edition.). Submit documents online in Word or PDF format please.
• All papers must be written in third person unless otherwise instructed.
• All assignment should be created in 12 pt. Times New Roman font.
Required Assignment Summary - 100 points

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| Family Life Project              | 35%        | Project Idea: Aug 22  
|                                  |            | Project Proposal: Oct 29 |

The following learning activities and assessments are to be completed as described below by the scheduled dates.

Pre-Seminar Assignments

**Project Idea 10%**
Due: September 28, 2020
The project idea must be approved prior to the project development. Ideas will be reviewed and approved by the professor during the seminar. The project idea should include: A brief description of the local ministry situation and a rationale for the project (Approximately 2 pages).

**Reflective Summaries- 20% (10pts each)**
Due: August 31, 2020
The student will prepare two, four-page reflective summaries of two books related to the student’s class presentation. Guidelines for preparing the summary are posted under “How to” on Blackboard.

**Annotated Bibliography- 10%**
Due: September 28, 2020
The student will develop an annotated bibliography of 10-15 resources (beyond the required text for this seminar) related to the topic of family life education theory and practice. The Bibliography should inform your project.

**Family Life Topic Presentation- 20%**
Due: During Seminar
Each student is to develop a significant presentation (40-45 minutes) on a family life education topic prior to the seminar. (The professor must approve the presentation topic by August 15th. (Time length of presentation may be adjusted based upon seminar enrollment).

The presentation should be accompanied by an outline or listening guide. Each student will guide a discussion following the presentation and respond to questions from other seminar participants.

Consider the following questions for your content:
- How is this topic manifested in contemporary family life?
- What are current models for church response in this area?
- What are suggested strategies for the church to respond?

*All presentation materials (ppts, listening guide, handouts, etc.) must be submitted to the designated discussion board on Blackboard by end of the day of presentation.*
Seminar Assignments

Book Talks
Students should be prepared to participate in class discussions of the primary text books during the seminar.

Each seminar participant will lead a discussion on an assigned book from required texts. Assignments will be made by the professor and communicated to seminar participants by August 15th.

Family Life Topic Presentation
Each student will present a family life education topic at a time designated by the professors. (See above instructions in Pre-Seminar Assignments).

Post-Seminar Assignment

Family Life Project – 40%
Students will develop a major family life project that could be implemented in their local church or ministry setting. (Full implementation is not necessary. Development of the project is the assignment.) The project will be completed in two steps.

1. The project idea is to be submitted by 5:00 p.m., August 15th
   The project idea must be approved prior to the project development. Ideas will be reviewed and approved or modified by the professor during the seminar. The project idea should include: A brief (approximately 2 pages) description of the local ministry situation and a rationale for the project. Why is this an important project for your church or ministry? How will it impact positively the congregation or community?

2. The Family Life Project proposal is to be submitted by November 14th
   The proposal should include:
   • Identification of the need
   • The theoretical and theological rationale for the project
   • The implementation strategies
   • Evaluation methodologies that can be used to determine the impact on the local church or ministry

The grading rubric provided for this project and should be used by the students to structure the project paper. This rubric can be found under the “How to” section on Blackboard. Resources necessary to inform and complete the project should be included in the bibliography. Students will not be required to apply (fully implement) the Family Life Project as part of this assignment.

Course Policies
The following policies will be observed for the duration of this course.

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.

**Grading Scale**
Your final grade will be based on your total accumulation of points as indicated under the Learning Activities and Assessments section of this syllabus according to the grading scale in the NOBTS 2012-2013 catalog.

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A grade of “F” may require the student to retake the course to complete the degree.

**Class Schedule:**
The seminar is scheduled to meet from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. (CST) on Monday Oct 5, 2020, with no meal break. Tuesday Oct 6, 8:30am – 4pm and Wednesday 8:30-11:30am, with an appropriate Breaks. Times are subject to change.

**Monday**
1:00 - 1:30pm Introductions and Seminar Overview  
1:30-2:30pm Biblical/Theological Background  
3:00-3:15pm Break  
3:15-4:30pm Discussion of Textbooks  
4:30- 5:00pm Break  
5:00- 6:30pm Discussion of Textbooks  
6:30 - 7:00pm Assignments/ Wrap Up

**Tuesday**
8:30-9:00am Devotion & Review  
9:00 -10:15am Topic Presentation & Discussion  
10:15-10:30am Break  
10:30-11:45am Topic Presentation & Discussion  
11:45-1:00pm Lunch  
1:00-2:30pm Topic Presentation & Discussion  
2:30-2:45pm Break  
2:45-4:00pm Topic Presentation & Discussion

**Wednesday**
8:30-8:45 am Devotion & Review  
8:45-10:00 am Topic Presentation & Discussion  
10:00-10:15am Break  
10:15-11:30am Wrap up, unfinished business, follow up assignments.
Selected Bibliography


Moore, Russell, *The Storm-Tossed Family: How the Cross Reshapes the Home*. Kindle


**Adolescent Ministry**


**Adult Issues and Ministry Practice**

**Adult Development**


**Intergenerational Religious Education**


**Senior Adult Ministry**


**Single Adult Ministry**


**Family Issues**


Understanding and Ministering to/with Families


Stanfield, Christine M. *Some Days I Think I'll Live...Surviving the Trauma of Divorce.* Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1990.


