



CESE8307 Networking for Transformational Ministry Professional Doctoral Seminar

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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to follow Christ, proclaim his truth and fulfill his mission.

Course Description

This special event seminar will be held in conjunction with the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting. Seminar participants will have the opportunity to begin networking relationships with key denominational leaders about emerging strategies of Christian education that seek to produce transformation. In addition, seminar participants will utilize the convention sessions, ancillary meetings, and displays to discover useful resources for transformational ministry.

This seminar will focus on identifying and developing the various networks for implementing a comprehensive Christian education program in a local church ministry context. Specific attention will be given to initiating connections with denominational aspects of educational ministry, peer learning networks and associations, professional organizations, and other networking systems. Priority will be given to strategies for transformational ministry in a ministry leadership context. The seminar is designed for both pastors and staff leaders.

Course Objectives

By the completion of the course, each student will have had an opportunity to ...

1. Identify the strengths and opportunities of developing personal and professional networks to facilitate ministry.

2. Understand the biblical foundations and examples supporting the practice of partnering in the practice of ministry.
3. Identify strategies for transformational ministry in the context of Christian education.
4. Identify potential networks and resources to support leading transformational ministry in a local church or denomination. Begin the process of integrating potential networks and associations into the practice of ministry.
5. Appreciate the values of working and learning in community rather than exclusively as individuals.

Special Seminar Considerations:

Students are expected to participate in selected convention sessions and activities. Additionally, three sessions will be scheduled with the participants during the convention for interaction with the professor and other presenters. **A specific schedule for these seminar sessions will be distributed to enrolled students approximately two weeks before the convention.** You can anticipate meetings Monday and Tuesday during the day and a wrap up session Wednesday afternoon. The schedule will be developed after the final convention schedule is released in order to minimize conflicts and maximize networking opportunities.

Housing and Meals: All travel, food and room costs are the responsibility of the student.

Information available at: <https://sbcannualmeeting.net/>

Blackboard Enrollment: You will be enrolled in our class on Blackboard. Communication will be primarily through emails via Blackboard. Assignments will be posted and collected on Blackboard.

Textbooks

Networking (Choose **two** of the following Kindle eBooks)

Sperry, Rob. *The Game of Networking: MLMers Are Many. Networkers are Few.* 2018

France, David and Toni Oloko. *Show Up: Unlocking the Power of Relational Networking.* 2017

Misner, Ivan and Brian Hilliard. *Networking like a Pro: Turning Contacts into Connections.* 2017

SEND Conference Speakers (Select books by **two** of the following)

Tony Evans, *The Power of Knowing God* Eugene Oregon: Harvest House, 2020.

David Jeremiah, *Shelter in God: Your Refuge in Times of Trouble* Nashville, TN: W Publishing, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing, 2020.

Greg Matte, *Unstoppable Gospel: Living Out the World-Changing Vision of Jesus's First Followers* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing, 2015.

Vance Pitman, *Unburdened: Stop Living for Jesus so Jesus Can Live Through You*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing, 2020.

Benjamin Watson, *Under Our Skin: Getting Real about Race. Getting Free from the Fears and Frustrations that Divide Us*. Watson, 2016

Pre-Seminar Work

Please consult the website <http://www.sbcannualmeeting.net> for convention registration and schedule information.

1. Reading and Application Report.

Due: June 7, 2021

Read two of the required textbooks on networking and generate a single report that includes a brief synopsis of each book, a synthesis of the primary ideas and a personal application. Summarize the primary principles or ideas (use parenthetical citations) applicable to the student (cite at least 5 potential application points.) Report should be 6 pages total. Synopsis (2 pages), Synthesis (2 pages), and application (2 pages.) Highlight strengths and weaknesses in your personal networking practices.

2. Speaker Book Reports.

Due June 7, 2021

Read books from two of the SEND Conference Speakers. (Select books you have not read previously.) Write a two-page personal reaction paper on each. Create a list of 5-7 key insights or observations. Intrinsic response to the content is expected and valued. (First person and parenthetical references are permitted).

3. Personal Reflection Paper.

Due: June 13, 2021

Prepare and submit a two-part reflection paper. Each part should be 2-3 pages in length. Part 1 is a reflection on the impact of people who have helped shape your life or ministry. Consider people who have guided your spiritual, educational and career path. Cite at least 4 individuals. Please do not include parents or immediate family. Part 2 will include examples of ways you are investing in others to assist their personal growth or ministry leadership development. This paper should follow the NOBTS Style Guide. First person is permissible. The paper should be 4-6 pages in length.

During the Seminar

- Attend all seminar sessions.
- Take notes during the SBC Annual Meeting for use in the final assignment.

4. Convention and Special Session Participation:

Due: June 16, 2021

Participate in the convention activities by attending some of the general sessions, meeting organizational leaders and gathering information relevant to your ministry setting. Attendance at three class meetings is mandatory (Time and Location TBD)

5. Interviews:

Due: July 14, 2021

Interview at least one person or representative (preferably a director, manager, or officer) from each the following types of organizations, institutions, agencies or ministries: LifeWay Christian Resources, North American Mission Board, Baptist

college/university, SBC seminary, International Mission Board, state convention, local association, an author, and a specialized ministry (Racetrack Ministries, Camping Ministry, Motorcycle Riders, Mega Force, etc.). You may ask any questions you desire. Discover the history and purpose of the organization. Investigate how this organization is partnering with local church leaders to advance kingdom directives.

Explore ways that your church or ministry might interface with them. Be prepared to write a one-page summary on each interview (see assignment #6).

(In the event that exhibits are limited in 2021, these interviews may be done via phone, video call, or personal visit prior to or after the annual meeting.)

Post-Seminar Requirements

6. Interview Report.

Due: July 14, 2021

Write and submit the results of the interviews conducted (see assignment #5).

Submit a one page (1 ½ spacing) summary of each interview (for a total of 8-10 pages.) Include the basic information and points of particular interest to you.

Verbatims are not required.

7. Integration Paper.

Due: July 31, 2021

Prepare and submit an *Integration Paper* (4-5 page, double-spaced, typewritten, and in proper form) reflecting on the impact of personal conversations, interviews, seminar meetings, and the SBC experience on you and/or your current ministry setting.

Seminar Evaluation

Use the NOBTS Style Guide

<https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf> (*Turabian 8th edition*) when preparing work for this seminar unless otherwise noted. Grammar will be considered in the grading of papers. Papers will be graded based on 70% content and 30% form, spelling and grammar.

All assignments are expected to be submitted through blackboard by midnight of the due date. Late assignments will incur a late penalty for the grade.

Reading and Application Report	15%
Speaker Book Reports	10%
Personal Reflection Paper	15%
Convention Attendance	15%
Interviews & Interview Report	30%
Integration Paper	<u>15%</u>
	100%

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