



CESE8303 New Directions in Christian Education

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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

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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.

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to expose the student to contemporary issues in the ministry of Christian Education and to a national organization for Christian educators. This clinical learning experience will seek to help the student to analyze the contributions of such an organization to their continuing professional development as well as to interpret a diversity of issues in the contemporary culture in order to apply them rightly to their own ministry.

Student Learning Outcomes

You will be able to

1. Assess and apply information gained from presentations from a variety of educational ministry context based on conference information and preparation.
2. Evaluate the key issues raised through presentations concerning the deeper elements of philosophy and principles of discipleship and educational ministry.
3. Participate in seminar meetings, discussing current trends and classic methodologies in light of conference presentations.
4. Identify and create a strategy to contextualize appropriately transferable components of presentations into the ministry setting of the student.
5. Assess the continuing value of membership in the BACE (or similar professional organizations) to the student and the ministry to which he/she is called.

Embedded Assignment

This course does not have an embedded assignment.

Writing Assessment

The **Conference Report and Reflection Paper** (Post Assignment) will be assessed for style and grammar by the Prodoc Writing Coordinator.

Required (Primary) Textbooks

Read **Two** of the following: (Selected by the student and approved by the professor)

- Barton, Ruth Haley. *Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation* (Kindle Edition) Downers Grove: IVP, 2009
- Barton, Ruth Haley. *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry* (Kindle Edition) Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2018
- Briggs, J. R. *Fail: Finding Hope and Grace in the Midst of Ministry Failure*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2014
- Culbertson, Rod. *The Disciple Investing Apostle: Paul's Ministry of Relationships*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2018
- Dotson, Junius. *Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness*. Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2019
- Lawson, Kevin E and Jane Carr. *Thriving as a Single Person in Ministry*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2021
- Meyer, Keith. *Spiritual Rhythms in Community: Being Together in the Presence of God*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2012
- Potvin, Bernard Lawrence. *Old Ideas, New Practices: When Religion Is for Relationships*. Eugene, OR: Resource Publications, 2021
- Witt, Lance. *Your One Life: Own It, Live It, Love It* (Kindle Edition) Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing, 2021
- Witt, Lance. *Replenish: Leading from a Healthy Soul* (Kindle Edition) Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing, 2011

Secondary Text

Choose **two** additional books written or recommended by conference speakers (keynote or breakout) related to the conference theme of managing ministry rhythms (Soul Care, Relationships, Discipleship, and Leadership) Write a summary of each using the template supplied by the professor and available in BlackBoard. Books must be approved by the professor prior to reading and submission of summary.

Special Seminar Considerations:

Membership. You can join the BACE organizations free as part of the NOBTS learning community. Go to <https://www.baptisteducators.org/membership>. Join membership fee promo code **NOBTS**.

Registration. Please consult the website www.baptisteducators.org for conference registration information. **NOBTS Group pricing applies.**

Conference Fee: In addition to tuition, course requires a registration fee for the BACE conference. Register at www.baptisteducators.org. **Be sure to select the NOBTS group rate** for a discount (\$29).

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

Blackboard Enrollment. You will be enrolled in our class on Blackboard after the close of professional doctoral spring trimester registration. Communication will be primarily through emails via Blackboard. Assignments will be posted and collected via Blackboard.

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies: Reading and reports, Interviews, conference participation, and group dialogue.

Course Requirements

Pre-Seminar Requirements

- **Talking Points. (2 @ 10%)** **Due: April 19, 2022**
Post your *Talking Points* in the discussion area of Blackboard.
 - Read two (2) of the required primary textbooks and prepare a list of **7 Talking Points** from **each** text. The list should include quotes, ideas, principles or practices. Cite a specific reference (parenthetically) and a brief (3-5 sentences) explanation, reason, insight, observation. Be prepared to discuss them at the preconference meeting.

- **Transitions Interview. (10%)** **Due: April 19, 2022**
After reading the required textbooks, conduct at least 3 interviews with church staff, pastors, denominational leaders, or other ministry leaders. Identify 5-7 issues, challenges or opportunities related to maintaining rhythms in contemporary life and ministry. Report your findings in a summary, 3 pages in length.

Seminar Requirements (25%)

Due: April 20-22, 2022

- **Attendance.** You are expected to attend all scheduled program events as well as all seminar sessions. Take thorough notes on all sessions attended in order to be able to type and organize them for future use.

Post-Seminar Requirements (25%)

- **Secondary Book Executive Summary: (2 @ 10%)** **Due: June 30, 2022**
Each student will complete a 4 page summary handout of two (2) secondary text (use the template supplied by the professor). The Executive Summary should include at least one page of application suggestions for the local ministry context. Summaries will be submitted in pdf format on Discussion Board in Blackboard by due date.

Conference Report & Reflection Paper.

Due: July 15, 2022

In **Part 1** Write a synopsis of the conference citing each of the sessions attended (include a brief description and personal application). In **Part 2** prepare a *Reflection Paper* (double-spaced, typewritten, and in proper form. Use the NOBTS Style Guide available on the website.) Consider the principles, practices or issues raised in the conference. Propose implications for your current or future ministry settings. Include at least one key idea or practice that you will initiate personally or in your ministry context. Include any necessary proper citations and a bibliography. This paper will be assessed for style and grammar by the Prodoc Writing Coordinator.

Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Talking Points 2 @ 10pts ea.	20%
Interview	10%
Conference Attendance	25%
Executive Summaries	20%
Conference Report & Reflection Paper	<u>25%</u>
	100%

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming 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.

Seminar Schedule

You can find the conference theme, schedule, and speakers at www.baptisteducators.org.

Seminar participants are expected to participate in all sessions.

Pre-Conference Seminar Meeting

Wednesday (April 20) 1:00pm – 5:00pm Room # TBD

The Conference

Thursday (April 21) 9:00am – 5:00pm

Friday (April 22) 8:30am – 12:30pm

Post-Conference Debrief Meeting

Friday (April 22) 12:30pm – 2:00pm Room TBD