



CESE8303 New Directions in Christian Education
Professional Doctoral Seminar
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

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BACE (Baptist Association of Christian Educators)
Hunter Street Baptist Church, Hoover, AL

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Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

NOBTS Core Values and Core Value Focus

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. For 2017-2018 academic year that Core Value is *Doctrinal Integrity*.

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.

Special Seminar Considerations:

Please consult the website www.baptisteducators.org for conference registration and information. Student 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 student rate for a discount. Extracurricular events and activities are sometimes scheduled. If you choose to participate they will be at your personal expense.

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

Blackboard Enrollment. Please enroll yourself in our class on Blackboard. Communication will be primarily through emails via Blackboard. Assignments will be posted and collected on Blackboard.

First Meeting: We will convene at 1:30 p.m., March 27, 2019 at a location to be determined.

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. To evaluate the key issues raised through presentations concerning the deeper elements of philosophy and principles of Christian Education ministry.
3. To participate in seminar meetings, discussing current trends and classic methodologies in light of conference presentations.
4. To identify and create a strategy to appropriately contextualize transferable components of presentations into the ministry setting of the student.
5. To 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.

Required (Primary) Textbooks

Harrington, Bobby and Josh Patrick. *The Disciple Makers Handbook: 7 Elements of a Discipleship Lifestyle*. Grand Rapids, MI: Harper Collins, 2017

Im, Daniel. *No Silver Bullets: 5 Small Shifts That Will Transform Your Ministry*. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 2017

Mosley, Eddie. *Connecting in Communities: Understanding the Dynamics of Small Groups*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2011.

Shepherd: Creating Caring Community (<https://www.lifeway.com/en/product/shepherd-P005800939>)

Secondary Text

Choose an additional book on the topic of Discipleship/Disciple Making or Educational Ministry Leadership and write a summary using a template supplied by the professor and available in BlackBoard. Books must be approved by the professor prior to reading and submission of summary.

Pre-Seminar Requirements

Registration. Please consult the website www.baptisteducators.org for conference registration information.

- **Ten Talking Points.** Read the required 3 textbooks and prepare an annotated list of 10 talking points from **each** required text. The list should include quotes, ideas, or principles. Cite a specific reference (parenthetically) and a brief (3-5 sentences) explanation, reason, insight, observation. Post your *Talking Points* in the discussion area of Blackboard. **Due: March 22, 2019**
- **Secondary Book Summary:** Each student will complete a 4 page summary handout of one of the secondary texts (a template will be supplied by the professor). Summary should include at least one page of application suggestions in the local ministry context. Summaries will be submitted in pdf format on Discussion Board in Blackboard by due date. **Due: March 22, 2019**
- **Assessment.** After reading the required textbooks prepare a 7 point assessment of your current Discipleship/Disciple Making strategy. Should be 3-4 pages in length. **Due: March 22, 2019**

Seminar Requirements

- **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. **Due: March 29, 2019**

Post-Seminar Requirements

- **Annotated Conference Report.** Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) of each of the sessions attended (cite description or reaction). **Due: April 30, 2019**
- **Reflection Paper.** Prepare and submit a 5 page *Reflection Paper* (double-spaced, typewritten, and in Turabian form) comparing and contrasting the principles, practices or issues raised in the conference. Reflect on implications for your current ministry setting. Include at least one key idea or strategy that you will initiate personally or in your ministry context. Include any necessary proper citations and a bibliography. **Due: April 30, 2019**

Notes:

Unless otherwise noted, Turabian style (*Turabian 8th edition*) should be consulted when preparing any work for this seminar. The book review and papers are to be typed. 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 on time. Late assignments will incur a late penalty for the grade.

Seminar Evaluation

Talking Points 3@5pts ea.	15%
Book Summary	15%
Strategy Assessment	20%
Conference Attendance	20%
Conference Report	15%
Reflection Paper	<u>15%</u>
	100%

Seminar Schedule

Meet with Professor at Wednesday 1:00 pm (subject to change) for pre-event orientation and assignment collection. Location is at Hunter Street Baptist Church in Hoover, AL. Location (Room) TBA. Students should expect to participate in discussion regarding the conference theme and textbook readings. Students will participate in the academic presentations Wednesday afternoon. The conference schedule is available on the BACE website. Specific seminar schedule will be determined a.s.a.p. **A final schedule will be sent 2-3 weeks prior to the event.** Find a comprehensive schedule and speaker biographies in the BACE conference brochure at www.baptisteducators.org