



PT 6392 MINISTRY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: PASTORAL LEADERSHIP
3 Credits

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Location / Branch: NBC - Grand Rapids Campus

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Course Days: November 30 – April 1, 2021-22 **Seated Session:** N/A

Class time: N/A

Classroom: N/A

Mission Statement:

Northpoint Bible College Grand Rapids Campus exists to create a cost-efficient, educationally and spiritually dynamic community where students are equipped to participate in the continuing work of Jesus through a rigorous curriculum of academic and theological studies, applied learning, and personal spiritual transformation.

Course Description:

This course is designed to meet the internship requirement for those students who are already engaged in ministry. The course will involve a major ministry project that will directly benefit the student's pastoral ministry. The ministry project will be chosen with the help and approval of the student's advisor. The basic requirements for anyone taking this course will be 2000 pages of reading and a 40-page written ministry project. Prerequisite: All course work with the exception of the final semester prior to graduating from the MA in Practical Theology program.

Course Objectives:

1. The student will increase his/her understanding of the integration of research and ministry praxis.
2. The student will develop process (research methodology) that will lead to ministry enhancement.

3. The student will increase his/her understanding of pastoral ministry.

Required Texts:

White, James Emery. *What They Didn't Teach You in Seminary: Lessons for Successful Ministry in Your Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2011. ISBN: 978-0801013881 (192 pages)

Methodology

The course focuses on the deepening the student's understanding of pastoral leadership by developing a ministry project, research, and the writing of a final paper.

Course Requirements:

All assignments are to be submitted to the professor via Populi.

1. **Project Proposal** – Three-page written proposal:
 - a. Purpose Statement
 - One paragraph in length
 - Includes a one-sentence research question
 - b. Rationale
 - Biblical Foundations: What does the Bible say about your project proposal?
 - Models (contemporary and/or historical): Who has done something similar to your project proposal?
 - Philosophy: Why does your project proposal matter?
 - Praxis: How will your project proposal impact your ministry?
 - c. Bibliography
 - List a minimum of ten sources that will be helpful in researching your proposed project.
 - Select three books (include book length) that you propose to read in their entirety.

Submit project proposal on Populi no later than **December 15th** (The professor will respond with his or her approval and/or recommendations no later than one week after receiving proposal).

2. **Ministry Project** – Final paper of **at least** 40 pages (do not exceed 45 pages)
 - a. Use the following as an outline for your final paper:
 - Introduction (approximately 2-3 paragraphs)
Include Purpose and research question
 - Biblical Foundations (approx.10-12 pages)*
What does the Bible say about your project?
 - Models (contemporary and/or historical) (approx. 8-10 pages)*

- Who has done something similar to your project?
- Philosophy (approx. 5-7 pages)*
Why does your project matter?
- Praxis (approx. 10-12 pages)*
How will/has your project impact your ministry?
- Conclusion (approx. 2-5 paragraphs)
Summarize findings of your research (What is the answer you have discovered to your research question?)
- Bibliography (approx. 2-4 pages)

*Number of pages may vary from the approximate number of pages depending on the nature of the ministry project.

- b. A minimum of 20 different sources and 80 footnotes (use Turabian 9th edition).
3. **Reading** – Read 2000 pages:
- a. Required reading:
White, James Emery. *What They Didn't Teach You in Seminary: Lessons for Successful Ministry in Your Church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2011.
 - b. Three books selected with the professor's approval. These books should be related to your area of research and read in their entirety. Consult the bibliographies on your Pastoral Leadership course syllabi for recommendations.
 - c. The rest of the number of required pages can be completed while doing research. Log the number of pages read and submit a written statement on Populi by **April 1**.

Grading:

Reading	25%
Project Proposal	10%
Final Project/Paper	65%
Total	100%

Policies:

For all academic policies such as plagiarism and attendance please consult your Student Handbook.

Selected Bibliography

Refer to the syllabi from your Preaching courses.

