

A. Course description

The Ministry Practicum provides a sustained and meaningful ministry experience that serves as a capstone to the freshman and sophomore academic experience. It is designed to provide a challenging arena for the immediate application of a broad cross-section of what students have learned in the classroom.

B. Rationale

The Ministry Practicum is in keeping with the strong emphasis which WOLBI places on the practical application of biblical truth, first in one's own life and then in ministry to others. This emphasis is consistent with its mission to prepare students to live lives of maximum effectiveness for the Lord. It is particularly aligned with the last of the concepts which underlie its philosophy of education: Study (Know), Life (Grow), and Ministry (Show).

C. Objectives

1. Ensure opportunities to put into practice a broad cross-section of what has been learned throughout the academic portion of a student's experience at the Bible Institute.
2. Prompt students to take the initiative in engaging in multiple forms of practical ministry focused primarily on evangelism and discipleship.
3. Develop the ability to distill practical lessons from personal ministry experience.

D. Requirements

1. Ministry Proposal/Engagement

Complete a cumulative total of at least 90 hours of practical ministry engagement, either online or in person.

Ministry can take more than one form and be completed in multiple settings, but it must be primarily focused on evangelistic and discipleship ministry to people instead of support services with little personal contact (e.g., administration, maintenance, housekeeping, etc.). Examples include but are not limited to:

- a. Local church ministry involvement.
- b. Evangelistic outreach, one-on-one or in group settings.
- c. Personal discipleship, one-on-one or in small groups.
- d. Engaging with online camp programming by inviting friends or groups to watch with you and hosting follow up discussions afterwards.
- e. Preparing and leading Bible studies or devotionals (not merely attending).
- f. Serving with online ministries such as www.groundwire.net.
- g. Serving with humanitarian relief ministries that provide direct evangelistic opportunities.
- h. Leading or actively participating in focused prayer groups (up to 10 hours can be counted).
- i. Ministering in specific and practical ways to people engaged in full-time vocational ministry.

Prior to beginning your Ministry Practicum, you will need to submit the Ministry Proposal for review and approval.

2. Reading:

Read at least 400 pages from any of the books in the attached list and submit a full one-page summary of what you read including the main highlights.

3. Journal

Keep a journal that records your ministry engagement opportunities. Each dated entry should briefly describe what you did, what you found encouraging and/or what challenges you encountered and how you handled them. This will need to be electronically submitted, so if you choose to use paper, be sure to have a plan to submit them on Canvas.

4. Ministry Report

Your ministry report should list the types of ministry that you were engaged in and for how many hours. A person of your choice must be sufficiently aware of your ministry engagement to be able to affirm it (see the Witness Affirmation on the report for specifics).

5. Reflective essay

You will also write a 10-page, double-spaced essay summarizing five practical lessons learned and/or reinforced throughout your Ministry Practicum. See Canvas for further details.

E. Grading

1. Ministry proposal.....	Due: June 26, 2020.....	5 points
2. Reading and written summary.....	Due: July 24, 2020.....	<u>20 points</u>
3. Journal.....	Due: August 14, 2020.....	15 points
4. Ministry Report.....	Due: August 14, 2020.....	30 points
5. Reflective Essay.....	Due: August 14, 2020.....	30 points
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