

Course Contents (1 Year of Internship)
A Segment, 12-week, 2 classes per week

- **Introduction**
 - I – The Pastor’s Job Description¹

- **Segment One – The Pastor as Elder** (Maturity That Exceeds the Flock)
 - II – The Pastor’s Personal Integrity
 - III – The Pastor’s Spiritual Priority
 - IV, Part 1 – The Pastor’s Marital Fidelity
 - V, Part 2 – The Pastor’s Parental Responsibility
 - VI – The Pastor’s Sexual Purity

- **Segment Two – The Pastor as Shepherd** (Ministry That Feeds the Flock)
 - VII – The Sermon’s Exposition
 - VIII – The Sermon’s Preparation
 - IX – The Sermon’s Illustration
 - X – The Sermon’s Presentation
 - XI – The Sermon’s Invitation

- **Segment Three – The Pastor as Presbyters/Bishop** (Management That Leads the Flock)
 - XII – The Church’s Organization Principles
 - XIII – The Pastor’s Spiritual Authority
 - XIV – The Pastor’s Personal Leadership
 - XV – Practical Ideas for Your Ministry

¹ <https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/bible-verses-about-pastors/>

Courses in Pastoral Training

Marriage and Family: A study of the Bible's teaching regarding the marriage and family relationships. This course provides the interns with teaching on the purpose, plan, and permanence of marriage, the roles of husbands and wives; and the biblical principles governing communication, sexuality, intimacy, stewardship, parenting, and the relationship between the church and the home. - **Ephesians 5:17-33**

Ordination Practicum: A class designed to facilitate proper evaluation and preparation of a candidate for ordination into the pastoral ministry of a local church. Focus will be placed upon spiritual disciplines, moral qualifications, Bible knowledge, wisdom, theological understanding, and practical ministry. **Exodus 28:41, Acts 14:23**

Leadership: An examination of the calling, character, spiritual disciplines, purposes, goals, and priorities of the pastor in the local church. The personal life of the pastor, his relationship to God, and his relationships with the flock and other leaders are investigated considering Scripture. - **1 Timothy 3:1; 6:20**

Discipleship: This course examines the Lord's method of building His church through "making disciples." Studies the biblical basis for ministries of discipleship, leadership training, and home fellowship groups. Each intern will develop a biblical philosophy of discipleship with special application to his own local church context². **Matthew 28:19-20**

Home Fellowship Group: Provides hands on experience in discipleship, teaching & pastoral care in the local church. The interns will minister under the supervision of a leader in his home church if possible...**Acts 2:38-47**

The Theology of Christ-Centered Expository Preaching in the Power of the Spirit³: This class will investigate the biblical case for Christ-centered Spirit-empowered expository preaching. Preaching the Whole Counsel of God: Design and Deliver Gospel-Centered Sermons⁴ **1 Corinthians 2:2**

Preparation for Preaching: Preparing and Delivering an Expository Sermon: This is a practical study of the issues involved in the preparation for the delivery of an expository sermon. This class applies information acquired to *the development of sermon outlines* and *manuscripts* from which the interns begins to develop a personal preaching style. **Proverbs 21:31; 2 Timothy 4:2**

² The last thing Jesus told His disciples before ascending to heaven was Matthew 28:16-20.

³ <file:///C:/Users/janie/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/IE/XOSXF0PI/9780801027987.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2016/02/20/top-7-bible-verses-about-preaching/>

The Practice of Preaching: In this course, faculty members work interactively with interns in the development of their preaching competency. Special attention is given to sermon form, transitions, and application as well as the interns' presentation and articulation of the Biblical message. **1 Corinthians 2:1-8**

The Theology and Practice of Counseling: The goal of this course is to prepare interns to equip the saints for their ministries by laying a foundation for **counseling from the scriptures**. The term counsel will be defined from the scriptures. Second, a theological counseling foundation will be built squarely on the sufficiency of Scripture and the person and work of Christ. Third, interns are alerted to the dangers of secular and humanistic psychology and its inability to solve the problems of the soul. Fourth, the counseling methods of Jesus and Paul are studied. Last, the interns is provided with an environment to discuss biblical counseling and the presuppositions that are distinct to biblical counseling. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

Problems and Procedures in Biblical Counseling: The goal of this course is to prepare the interns for **real life counseling situations**. The following topics will be covered from a biblical reference: Idols of the heart, ADHD, Marriage, Re-Marriage and Divorce, Anger, Rebellion, Fear, Worry, Spiritual Depression, Suffering, and Crisis Counseling. A portion of this course will be used to expose the interns to the misuse and abuse of drugs to treat the following problems in children and adults: spiritual depression, anger, fear, and ADHD **2 Timothy 3:17, 2 Peter 1:3**

Counseling Practicum: The interns will participate in counseling sessions under the direction of faculty. Interns will apply biblical counseling principles and specific texts to specific counseling situations. **II Timothy 2:15**

Church Planting: Evaluates church planting methodologies of various organizations and individuals. It provides a biblical model for proceeding and years of wisdom drawn from guest church planters. **1 Thessalonians 2:9**

The Church, the Law, and Government: A course designed to lay the foundation for making moral and legal decisions regarding the relationship of the church to the state. The responsibilities of the local church and individual Christians to government will be biblically defined. Various legal issues facing church leadership will be addressed. **Romans 13:1**

Christian Education: An introduction to various ways to carry out the task of teaching the flock. A biblical basis for Christian education will be presented. Various ministries, such as Sunday School, small groups, Bible studies, children's programs, discipleship, leadership development, Bible Institutes, family ministries, etc., will be discussed. **Hosea 4:6**

Weddings and Funerals: Interns will participate in the planning, preparation, and administration (when able) of weddings and funerals. **Romans 14:8**