

Taylor Seminary

Our Mission: To develop Christ-minded leaders who make a difference in the world.

FE 446 Spring Semester - 2014

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COURSE CREDIT: 1 credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This Field Education Experience is designed to advance the process of pastoral formation and preparation in the life of the student through intentional ministry experiences and theological reflection under the guidance of an approved ministry mentor. This course will focus on achieving the necessary skills required to be a pastor. Students will participate in conducting weddings, funerals, baptisms, baby dedications, board meetings, communion, hospital visitations, funeral home visits and any additional practises deemed necessary to meet the standard for competency in ministry skills. We will practise them as a class so each one will have confidence in his/her ability to perform such duties when required of them.

TEXTBOOK:

MacDonald, Gordon. *Ordering Your Private World*. Thomas Nelson, 2003

OR

Miller, Calvin. *Letters to a Young Pastor*. Colorado, David C. Cook, 2011

Taylor Seminary. *Guide for Research and Writing (SBL style)*.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Field Education Experience
 - a. Students are to engage in a minimum of 5 hours per week of ministry during the semester according to the approved Field Education Learning Contract. **Learning Contract is due: May 8th** . This document is the key to the value of FE in your experience. It should be well thought through and discussed with your mentor. Use the list of Practical Issues to insure you have covered the important experiences in your FE pursuit.

- b. Monthly feedback as per the attached form. **Due dates: June 5th; July 3rd; August 7th.** (10% total for all 3).
 - c. Students will be required to meet a spiritual director from Urban Sanctuary 6 times during the semester. Each student will be responsible for scheduling his or her appointments. The Director of Urban Sanctuary will report at the end of the semester.
2. Joint Class Meetings for FE 442 – FE 446 . Students will meet twice during the semester to discuss their field education experiences as a group. The meetings will be at **Taylor Seminary.**
- a. The first meetings are **Thursday, May 8th at noon at Taylor Seminary.**
 - b. The second meeting will be **Thursday, August 7th noon at Taylor Seminary.**
3. Ministry Event Study **Due June 26th.** Choose an event from your ministry (or life in the church) that did not turn out well. Follow the process outlined in the handout provided with this syllabus.
4. Required Reading Report

Read Gordon MacDonald’s *Ordering Your Private World* in its entirety. Take one quote and react to it either positively or negatively in 2-4 pages. **Due: July 17th** (Thursday)

PENALTIES:

Failure to fulfill the Learning Contract or to submit the required forms on time will result in a deduction of grade, or, in the case of missing forms, failure of the course.

GRADING

Field Education Experience (practicum)

Learning Contract	10%
Monthly Feedback	10%
6 visits to Urban Sanctuary	10%
Joint Class Meetings	10%
Reading Report	10%
Ministry Event Study	20%
Supervisor’s evaluation end of semester	<u>30%</u>
Total	100%