

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP (LEAD)

LEAD 500 Developing Leadership Character and Readiness 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course will explore developmental leadership traits from a biblical perspective. Special consideration will be given to the leader's character, competency, and resiliency, recognizing the impact these traits have on a leader's influence and longevity. This course will also engage various leadership theories, strategies, and responsibilities to help students assess their own leadership readiness while also cultivating the skills and knowledge necessary to lead within various church and ministry contexts.

Offered: Residential

LEAD 505 Church Administration 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of administrative principles and practices for the local church. The course examines staff, finances, buildings, and public relations in churches and integrates material from both religious and secular sources.

Offered: Residential and Online

LEAD 510 Biblical Foundations of Leadership 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course explores the topic of leadership from a biblical and theological perspective. Essential biblical principles bearing on the purpose and character of leadership will be examined. Instances of leadership in the Old and New Testaments will be analyzed within their biblical context, and in terms of contemporary understanding of leadership, with a special focus on the leadership of Jesus Christ as seen in the New Testament.

Offered: Online

LEAD 515 Christian Anthropology for Women's Leadership 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of male and female from a Biblical perspective, specifically pertaining to women in leadership roles in the local church and Christian ministries.

Offered: Residential

LEAD 520 The Life of Leaders 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course will explore the lives of great leaders throughout history. Leadership is not a distinctively Christian practice. Leadership is found in all segments of society and culture. Thus, this course will explore the personal lives, traits, practices and disciplines of leaders in various sectors of cultural history including religious leaders, political leaders, military leaders, and business leaders. Specific attention will be given to the process of interpreting leadership from a distinctively organizational perspective, as performed by great leaders, and applying these leadership lessons into an organic perspective of Christian leadership in ministry. (Formerly CLED 520)

Offered: Residential and Online

LEAD 525 Leading Women in Crisis Situations 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: LEAD 515

An overview of events and issues which create crisis situations for women. This course explores ministry methods to spiritually care for women during times of great need.

Offered: Residential

LEAD 600 Dynamic Influence: Leading Teams for Growth and Impact 3 Credit Hour(s)

In this course, students will be introduced to methods, processes, and principles of effective team leadership.

Offered: Residential

LEAD 605 Leading Effective Women's Programs in the Church or Parachurch 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: LEAD 515

An introduction to beginning, developing, and implementing programs for women in the local church or parachurch setting.

Offered: Residential

LEAD 610 Team Leadership and Conflict Resolution 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course will focus on leading effective teams and resolving conflict that naturally occurs in organizational environments.

Offered: Residential and Online

LEAD 620 Mission, Vision, and Strategic Planning 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course prepares the student for strategic planning in various ministry settings. It will also equip the student to cast a vision and mission for their church or parachurch organization. The student will examine core biblical passages and create a clear vision/mission/values statement. (Formerly DSMN 620)

Offered: Residential and Online

LEAD 625 Preventing Ministry Failure 3 Credit Hour(s)

This class will help the student (and their spouse) better prepare themselves for the rigors of 21st century ministry, avoid common pitfalls, and prevent potential problems. It will deal with such significant issues as setting realistic expectations, dealing with church boards, marriage, children, finances, burnt-out, stress, time management and more.

Offered: Residential and Online

LEAD 630 The Art of Developing Leaders 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: LEAD 510

A truly effective leader understands the relationship between the organization's success and the ability to develop other leaders within the organization. This course will examine how leaders are recognized and developed. Skills necessary for mentoring others as leaders will be explored and developed.

Offered: Online

LEAD 635 Theology of Pastoral Ministry 3 Credit Hour(s)

A study of the different phases of the daily work of the pastor. Attention is given to the call, character, leadership, and responsibilities of the pastor. Opportunities are also given for the student to practice methods of pastoral work.

Offered: Residential and Online

LEAD 680 Next-Level Leadership 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course engages the biblical principles and strategic thinking necessary to lead effectively in diverse ministry contexts. This course will explore advanced leadership concepts and organizational dynamics.

Offered: Residential

LEAD 695 Directed Research in Leadership 1-6 Credit Hour(s)

Offered: Online

LEAD 697 Seminar in Leadership 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

An intensive study in a specific subject of pastoral ministry. This course allows variation in the approach and content of the regular curriculum and often will be used by visiting professors.

Offered: Online

LEAD 698 Practicum in Pastoral Leadership 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

A practical field experience for international students in pastoral leadership under the supervision of an approved mentor. (Formerly PLED 698)

LEAD 699 Internship in Pastoral Leadership 3-6 Credit Hour(s)

Resident Prerequisite: DSMN 500 and (EVAN 565 or EVAN 525) and (HOMI 500 or HOMI 501 or HOMI 601 or DSMN 601) and (LEAD 635 or PLED 635)

Online Prerequisite: (DSMN 500 or EVAN 525 or HOMI 500 or HOMI 601) and LEAD 635

In order to complete this internship students must be currently working and/or serving in a local church. The church, mentor, and nature of involvement must be approved beforehand by the professor. Internship involves supervised work in an applied ministry setting. Students continue to apply, adapt, and improve their skills in specialized ministry situations. Students work under the supervision of a qualified pastor or deacon. Students must complete 150 hours of internship interaction with an average of 10 hours per week. 16 weeks.

Offered: Residential and Online