

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP (PLED)

PLED 201 Foundation to Pastoral Leadership 3 Credit Hour(s)

Beginning with the biblical and theological foundations of pastoral ministries, students will study the pastoral leadership qualifications, teaching/learning role of the church, and the various ministries available in the field. Special attention is given to mission statement development and program strategy.

Offered: Resident

PLED 205 Practicum I Small Groups 1 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PLED 201 (may be taken concurrently)

A faculty supervised practical ministry experience through observation at an approved ministry site. Practicum I is designed to provide the student with observation of and participation in small groups in local church ministry. Should be taken in conjunction with PLED 201 of a student's freshman or first semester of student's sophomore year. (The course consists of forty (40) hours of participation in pastoral small group that must be completed during the semester in which the student is registered for the course. Assessment of the student's observation will be required for this class.)

Offered: Resident

PLED 251 Church Planting and Development 3 Credit Hour(s)

An introduction to the skills and knowledge needed to plant a New Testament church "in culture." A survey is given of the various schools of church planting with an evaluation of their strengths and weaknesses. Special attention is given to a study in evangelism and church growth principles, stressing the biblical and theological basis of evangelism as reflected in and through the local church.

Offered: Resident

PLED 299 Internship 0 Credit Hour(s)

A supervised field experience designed for students studying in Pastoral Leadership. The site must be approved by the Department Chairman. Application procedures processed through the Career Center. Must apply semester prior to internship.

Registration Restrictions: Sophomore status, 2.00 GPA, two courses in major, declared major, not more than one CSER behind

Offered: Resident

PLED 300 Practicum II Outreach 1 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PLED 201 (may be taken concurrently) and PLED 251 (may be taken concurrently)

A faculty supervised practical ministry experience through observation at an approved ministry site. Practicum II is designed to provide the student with exposure to local church ministry. Should be taken the first or second semester of a student's sophomore year. (The course consists of forty (40) hours of observation of and participation in pastoral outreach ministry that must be completed during the semester in which the student is registered for the course. Assessment of the student's observation will be required for this class.)

Offered: Resident

PLED 301 Family Ministry in the Church 3 Credit Hour(s)

A comprehensive examination of the family dynamic in context of the local church. This course will not only examine the traditional home but will also investigate the non-traditional home. The role of pastor to family members will be considered including: courtship, pre-marriage counseling, and parenting. Special attention will be given to providing strategies and resources to parents consummating in the assimilation to the church.

Offered: Resident

PLED 302 Staff Management and Relations in Pastoral Leadership 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PLED 201

The role of the pastor in normative interpersonal challenges of church staff will be identified and conflict resolution considered. A study of the responsibilities of different staff positions, the relationships between staff members, development of team spirit, staff planning and working with lay leadership. Special attention will be given to conflict management. A multiplicity of resources will be presented.

Registration Restrictions: Sophomore Status

Offered: Resident

PLED 325 Theories and Issues in Pastoral Ministry 3 Credit Hour(s)

An introduction to the various theories and issues in pastoral ministry. The student will develop an understanding of the role of the pastor, various matters of church leadership, and issues in programs and ministries.

Offered: Online

PLED 350 Pastoral Duties 3 Credit Hour(s)

The call, qualifications and duties of the pastor are considered. In the areas of duties, such topics as preaching, teaching, evangelism, counseling and visitation will be taught. Instruction will be given in administering the ordinances of the church, as well as funerals and weddings.

Registration Restrictions: Sophomore Status

Offered: Resident

PLED 351 Church Assimilation and Development 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PLED 201

The study of recruitment, training, placement, assimilation, and networking of congregates into the local church community. An overview of church growth strategy through the multi-site and church planting will be examined that incorporates laymen into the church body. Special attention will be given to the application of curriculum scope and sequence to life span life stages relevant to spiritual disciplines that facilitate church assimilation.

Registration Restrictions: Junior Status

Offered: Resident

PLED 400 Practicum III 1 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PLED 201 (may be taken concurrently) and PLED 302 (may be taken concurrently) and PLED 351 (may be taken concurrently)

A faculty supervised practical ministry experience through observation at an approved ministry site. Practicum III is designed to provide the student with observation of and participation in pastoral ministry in local church ministry. Should be taken the first or second semester of a student's senior year. (The course consists of forty (40) hours of observation that must be completed during the semester in which the student is registered for the course. Assessment of the student's observation will be required for this class.)

Offered: Resident

PLED 421 Homiletics I 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: ((COMS 101 or GLST 220) and BIBL 350)

This course is designed to introduce the student to proper methodology in organizing sermon material into proper sermon form. The student is introduced to proper methods of textual analysis and outline construction. A laboratory session is employed.

Registration Restrictions: Junior Status

Offered: Resident

PLED 422 Homiletics II 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PLED 421

This course is designed to teach the student proper methodology in sermon presentation. The student is alerted to his particular voice and communication problems and given the opportunity of remedying them throughout the course of the semester. A laboratory session is employed.

Offered: Resident

PLED 446 Christocentric Preaching 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PLED 421 and PLED 201

This course is designed to introduce students to the balanced practice of, methods for, and challenges related to responsibly and legitimately preaching expository, Christocentric sermons from all genres of Scripture. The course will emphasize a passage's place within the larger context of Scripture and prioritize evangelistic, gospel-centered preaching from both Old and New Testament.

Offered: Resident

PLED 450 Leadership and Management in the Local Church 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course is designed to address areas of leadership and management that may be unique to church ministry. Emphasis is placed on the diagnosis of the personal spiritual needs of the leader, common mistakes leaders make in ministry, and various truths that leaders need to learn in order to effectively manage people.

Offered: Resident and Online

PLED 452 Critical Issues in Pastoral Leadership 3 Credit Hour(s)

Prerequisite: PLED 201 and PLED 301 and PLED 302

Designed as a capstone course, this class will direct students to recognize the critical issues in contemporary pastoral ministry. Students will examine their ministry readiness by inventorying and evaluating their cumulative learning experiences. The student will be guided to compile a personal portfolio that includes a theological and experiential learning analysis of personal educational assumptions. Special attention is given to Pastoral issues in the wider cultural context by identifying ministry strategies, values, and philosophy.

Registration Restrictions: Senior Status

Offered: Resident

PLED 495 Directed Research 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

Offered: Resident

PLED 497 Special Topics in Pastoral Ministries 1-3 Credit Hour(s)

Offered: Resident

PLED 499 Pastoral Leadership Internship 1-6 Credit Hour(s)

A supervised field experience designed for students studying in Pastoral Leadership. The site must be approved by the Department Chairman. Application procedures processed through the PLED Faculty Internship Advisor. Must apply semester prior to completing internship.

Registration Restrictions: Junior status

Offered: Resident