

NORTH PORTLAND BIBLE COLLEGE
Portland, Oregon
CE 201 - Educational Ministries of the Church
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3 Credit Course

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course intends to introduce students to the educational ministry of the church. Seeks to prepare students to function in the area of educational ministries as teachers /administrators, planners, understanding that teaching (educational ministry) is foundational to the church. The course will build upon the biblical foundation that the church is to teach and study is invoked for all. The course will seek to explore the planning and developing of educational ministry in the church, curriculum development and understanding the processes of communication.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this course, student will:

- Define a working model for the Mission of the Church
- Understand and affirm the biblical foundation for educational ministries
- Understand and communicate the importance of ministries and being essential for the holistic health of the church.
- Plan and implement educational programs effective for the comprehensive needs of the church.
- Understand and develop a curriculum plan for the church and age appropriate materials.

METHODOLOGY:

Students will participate in a learning environment as designated by the course schedule. In addition, students will explore the above-mentioned objectives through required readings, class discussions, and written assignments (Reflection Papers, Book Report, and a Special Project).

REQUIRED TEXTS

Malphurs, Aubrey. *Developing a Vision for Ministry in the 21st Century*. Baker Books, A Division of Baker Book House CO., Grand Rapids, MI. 1999. Print.

The instructor will make following handouts available:

- Foundations: Shaping the Ministry of Christian Education in your Congregation. <https://nccumc.org/christianformation/.../FOUNDATIONS1...>
- How To Have an Effective Christian Education Ministry By Leroy R. Bartel
- Curriculum and the Ministry of Christian Education. <https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/in...16/curriculumformationministry.pdf>
- The Christian Philosophy of Education. <https://www.bjupress.com/resources/christian.../philosophy-education.php>

DVD Israel's Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World
DVD Indescribable by Louie Giglio

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Reflection Paper: A Reflection Paper is your identification of the main themes of the readings or observations integrated with your experiences and how both affect your thinking and practice.

Assignment I: Reflection Paper I – Purpose/Philosophy: Due Date: April 6, 2017. Available Points -15

- Read the handout “*The Christian Philosophy of Education*” (9 pages)
- Write a 1- page Reflection Paper on the following quotation:

“A church needs to develop a sound philosophy [viewpoint] for Christian education based on the Word of God. A sound philosophical [ethical] statement is not enough, however, to experience the transformation of lives what is on paper must be put into practice for it to make a difference. Too often an incongruence [imbalance] exists between what is on paper and the actual operative philosophy of the church's leadership” Christian Education Ministry for Spiritual Growth in the Church (mintools.com/christian-education.htm).

Assignment II: Developing Vision and Mission for Ministry: Due date April 13, 2017, Available points 10.

- Bring/prepare a copy of your Church's
 - Statement of Faith
 - Vision Statement
 - Mission Statement
 - List of ministries/programs with purpose statements for each (why they exist?)

Assignment III: Program Effectiveness: Due date: April 20, 2017. Available points - 15

- Read handout “*Foundations: Shaping the Ministry of Christian Education in Your Congregation*” (8 pages)
- Complete 9 questions contained in required reading in preparation for class discussion

Assignment IV. Program Effectiveness: Due date April 27, 2017. Available Points 15

- Read the handout “*How to Have an Effective Christina Educational Ministry.*” (4 pages)
- From the list of ministries/programs developed in assignment II, run [your] existing programs and desired programs through the validation questions below. If a program passes the test, discern the best use of your resources to determine the way you should structure it.
 - **Exploring the effectiveness of the various programs in your church:**
 - Does it line up with the overall purpose of the church?
 - Does it have a specific objective within the overall purpose?
 - Does the spiritual yield merit the resources required to effectively carry out the program?
 - Are the resources required to effectively carry out the program available?
 - Does it stem from prayer as God's idea or is it the result of following another church or after the ideas of man?

Assignment V: Curriculum Development: Spiritual Growth and Outreach: May 4, 2017.

- DVD “The Seeking Father: The Lost Son Returns” Part of a series from Israel's Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priest in a Prodigal World by Ray Vander Laan.
- Discussion: Implications for ministry outreach today.

Assignment VI: Curriculum Development and Spiritual and Outreach: Due May 11, 2017

- Handout Pending
- Assignment open

Assignment VII. Curriculum- A Balance Program: Due date: May 18, 2017. Available points- 10

- Read “*Curriculum and the Ministry of Christian Education.*”
- Develop a Curriculum Evaluation Worksheet for each age level of your church ministry

Assignment VIII: Special Project: Develop an Organization Flow Chart for your church. Due Date May 25, 2017 Available points -15

- Write a 1- page Reflection Paper on the process and the outcome of this project

- Oral presentation is required

Organizational Chart: The main purpose of an organization chart is to show the hierarchical structure, or chain of command, within an organization. It is a useful management tool that helps organize the workplace. In general, the charts place the top official or department at the head of the chart, with others following below in levels. Your chart should include every ministry leader in your church.

Book Report: *Building Leaders: Blueprints for Developing Leadership at Every Level of Your Church.* **Due Date: June 1, 2017. Available points 20**

- Student will complete a 2 page, double-spaced book report following the NPBC writing guidelines. Even though assignment is due June 1, 2017. It is recommended that student schedule reading time to complete assignment on time.
- Oral Presentation

A Book Report is an informative report that discusses a book from an objective stance. It is similar to a book review but focuses more on a **summary** of the work rather than an **evaluation** of it. A Book report commonly describes what happens in a work; its focuses is primarily on giving an account of the major plot, characters, thesis, and/or main idea of the work.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES

Attendance Policy

Students are not required to attend and participate in classroom activities. It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements with instructor for completing class work as scheduled.

Evaluation and Grading Policy

Letter Grades will follow the standards given on page 14 of the current catalog.

A	90-100	Excellent	4
B	80-89	Good	3
C	70-79	Average	2
D	60-69	Poor	1
F	0-59	Failure	0
W	-	Withdraw	0
Inc.	-	Temporary Extension	

Grades will be based on the following points earned:

1.	Reflection Papers	15
2.	Strategic planning	10
3.	Questions	15
4.	Evaluation	15
5.	Evaluation	10
6.	Organizational Flow Chart	15
7.	Book Report	<u>20</u>
	Total Points	100

Late assignment policy

Assignments are due on the date specified, although situations may arise requiring an extension. It is the student’s responsibility to request an extension from the instructor when necessary. Any assignment turned in later than 11:59 pm on the date due will incur a 5% grade reduction per day. Please let me know if you are having trouble and need additional help or an extension.

Guidelines for submitting written work

All papers should be typed double space in 12 point Times New Roman font, with 1 inch margins on all sides, and should have a cover page and bibliography. Papers should be in MLA format, with all sources cited in parenthetical notes, with the reference listed in the Bibliography. Papers should reflect research and thought on their topic, include proper source citation, and be written with proper English grammar. Assignments are to be submitted through Google Classroom.

NPBC Writing Standards

All written material submitted must be the original work of the student. *Plagiarism* is a violation of academic integrity and constitutes a serious breach of scholarship standards at North Portland Bible College. When quoting the work of an author or an author's ideas are used in your paper, document, document, and document.

Course Schedule

Date	Course Topic	Preparation for Class	Assignment Due
March 30, 2017	Orientation	None	Review syllabus; Lecture with notes; DVD “Indescribable”
April 6, 2017	Philosophy/Purpose of Christian Education	Read Handout: <i>The Christian Philosophy of Education.</i>	Reflection Paper #1; Review: DVD; Vision & Mission Statements
April 13, 2017	Developing Vision/Mission for Ministry	Importance of Vision Values and Mission	Church’s Statement of Faith; Vision & Mission Statements; list of ministries & purposes
April 20, 2017	Fundamental Ministry foundations	Read: <i>Foundations; Shaping the Ministry of Christian Education in Your Church.</i>	Complete 9 questions contained in required reading; Class discussion
April 27, 2017	Program Effectiveness	Read: <i>How to Have an Effective Christian Education Ministry</i>	Complete questions in preparation for class discussion
May 4, 2017	Curriculum Development Spiritual growth & Outreach	DVD “Israel’s Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priest in a Prodigal World	Preview & discuss “The Seeking Father: The Lost Son Returns“
May 11, 2017	Curriculum Development Spiritual growth & Outreach	Handout Pending	Pending
May 18, 2017	Program Effectiveness Curriculum: A Balanced Program	Read: <i>Curriculum and the Ministry of Christian Education</i>	Develop a Curriculum Evaluation Worksheet for each age level
May 25, 2017	Organizational Structure & Leadership Development	Your Church Flow Chart	Oral Presentation
June 1, 2017	“Developing a Vision for Ministry”	Book Report	Oral Presentation

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