# **ADULLAM**



# Bible College (ABC) 2023-2024

# Student Handbook

"Transforming ordinary people into mighty men and women of God"

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# From the desk of the president.....



At Adullam Bible College we are excited about you joining the family of Adullam as a student. Education in any field can be challenging as well as rewarding. This is especially true when it comes to Biblical studies. Some of you may not have been involved in an educational institution for quite a while. If that is the case, it might take some time to get accustomed to the discipline necessary to gain a degree. At Adullam we furnish all the tools that are necessary for student not only to obtain their degree, but we strive to provide an atmosphere that enhances the learning experience. Our mission is simple "Transforming ordinary people into mighty men and women of God.

Yours in His Service,

Dr. Edward J. Hearns President

# Welcome to ABC



Let us take this opportunity to welcome you to our bible college. The experience you will receive from this institution will be most rewarding.

ABC is a religious institution not affiliated with any organization. All programs are designed for students to demonstrate a relationship between genuine spirituality and rigorous intellectual pursuits in a Christian environment. The Biblical Studies degree program of ABC are designed to equip students to follow the Lord in the work of the ministry.

Our curriculum and material is Christ-Centered. We offer degrees that are designed to enhance your Christian ministry. If your sole purpose of needing an education is for the Gospel ministry, then ABC is the right institution for you.

We have the philosophy that a quality spiritual education which trains an individual for service to the Lord, Jesus Christ, should not leave that individual with an oppressive financial debt. The policy of ABC is to provide an in-house, interest free, student financing in the form of a pay-as-you-go program rather than requiring you to pay the full tuition at the beginning of each semester.

We are so Godly proud that you chose us to further your Christian Education. We ask that as you continue your education, that you share your experience with others that might be interested in furthering their education also.

Again Thanks,

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#### **An Overview of ABC**

Adullam Bible College (ABC) is a religious institution not affiliated with any religious organization. All programs are designed for students to demonstrate a relationship between genuine spirituality and rigorous intellectual pursuits in a Christian environment.

The Biblical Studies degree programs of ABC are designed to equip students to follow the Lord in the work of the ministry. ABC currently offers an Associate, Bachelor, Master and Doctorate degree in areas of Religious Studies.

Our curriculum and material is Christ-Centered. We offer degrees that are designed to enhance your Christian ministry. It is our philosophy that a quality, spiritual education that trains an individual for service to the Lord, Jesus Christ, should not leave that individual with an oppressive financial debt.

We provide in-house, interest-free, student financing in the form of a pay as-yougo program rather than requiring the student to pay the full tuition at the beginning of each semester.

# **Adullam Bible College**

#### **Statement of Faith**

We believe that the Bible is the only infallible written word of God.

We believe in the eternal existence of God the father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe that water baptism by full emersion represents the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit should be active in today's church.

We believe that a foundation in prayer and seeking God is fundamental to effect change in the kingdom of God.

We believe that the only means of salvation is by faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

We believe that study and meditation on the word of God is the key spiritual understanding

We believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit man is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world.

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# **Admission/Degree Criteria**

- In order to be admitted to the ABC, a high school diploma or equivalent is required. Documentation is required prior to admittance.
- In order to receive an Associate's degree, a minimum of 60 credit hours with a minimum of 2.00 GPA (out of a possible 4.00) is required.
- To qualify for admission into the Bachelor program you must have an Associates degree or hours equivalent to an Associate's degree from an accredited school of higher education
- In order to receive a Bachelor degree, a minimum of 120 credit hours with a minimum of 2.00 GPA (out of a possible 4.00) is required.
- In order to receive a Master degree, a minimum of 30 credit hours above the Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 2.50 GPA (out of a possible 4.00) is required. In addition, the master's program requires a graduate-level 50 page thesis.
- In order to receive a Doctorate degree, a minimum of 30 credit hours above the Mastera degree with a minimum of 3.00 GPA (out of a possible 4.00) is required. In addition, the doctorate program requires a graduate-level 100 page dissertation.

Note: Ministry experience may count as 25% of the course work for the Associates and Bachelor's degrees only.

Master's and Doctoral students must complete an internship under the leadership a pastor or missionary. Master's 50 hours and Doctorate 100 hours. Documentation is required.

Each semester consists of 14 weeks. To complete a degree program takes 28 weeks (which is 2 semesters). Classes will meet each week for 3 hours/week totaling 42 hours per semester. Administrators may adjust class hours as necessary, as long as academic standards and requirements are met.

# Accreditation

If the sole purpose of you pursuing an education is for Christian ministry or related field within Christian ministry, then ABC is the institution for you.

Most Christian churches accept quality Christian education regardless to which accreditation group, if any, the referenced institution belongs. If study is for purpose other than ministry, such as business administrator, engineer, lawyer, etc., students should apply to an institution that belongs to a regional accrediting association.

Adullam Bible College is an approved member and accredited through the **Association of Independent Christian Colleges and Seminaries (AICCS)**. ABC operates legally as an exempt educational institution in and out of the state of Florida.

ABC, currently offers an Associate, Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees in an area of Religious Study.

Persons who's professional or career goals require certification by a state or federal government agency should check in advance to determine whether a degree from Adullam Bible College (an AICCS-accredited school) would be acceptable. Individuals needing to earn an accredited degree in one of the disciplines offered by Adullam Bible College may wish to investigate comparable programs offered at more traditional on-campus colleges currently accredited by a regional association recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Note: Courses offered through ABC are strictly for religious purposes only. Secular courses are not offered through ABC. A degree received through ABC will be in a field of religion primarily for use in ministry.

# **Adullam Bible College Administrative Policies and Procedures**

The Board of Directors must approve every school prior to opening. Once approved, all paper work must be on file in the registrar's office. After approval is granted, every school must comply with the following Administrative Policies and Procedures:

- To ensure you have enough books for your class, it is imperative you place your order two weeks prior to the start of your first class.
- Payment for student application and books must be paid prior to shipping books to your location.
- It is imperative that you provide the home office of the date you plan to start your first day of classes.
- Advertising for your school is essential if you plan to have a substantial number of students. Advertising materials can be found on our website or shipped to you from our home office.
- Each school must keep a complete file on each student in the school office.
- A copy of all applications must be mailed to the Home office when registration is complete.
- The Administrator will use the compensation scale for individual payment
- Each school administrator will be responsible for accepting and keeping accurate financial records and to ensure all student fees are paid.
- The percentage due to each administrator from each tuition paid must be subtracted and the remainder forwarded to the home office.
- All payments to the home office can be sent by cashapp or paypal.

# **TUITION AND FEES**

2023-24 School Year



Degree	Tuition	&	<b>Fees</b>

**Associate** 1734.96

Bachelors 2044.96

Masters 2650.00 Add-On Counseling \$1325

**Doctorate 3575.00** 

# Adullam Bible College Refund Policy

In order to receive a refund, you must first officially notify the registrar in writing your intent to withdraw from ACB. Refunds of tuition are based on the date of official notification of intent to withdraw from the school.

Tuition refunds if paid in full will be reimbursed as follows:

Registration week	100%
1 <sup>st</sup> week	95%
2 <sup>nd</sup> week	90%
3 <sup>rd</sup> week	80%
4 <sup>th</sup> week	50%
5 <sup>th</sup> week	40%

After 5<sup>th</sup> week student will not be allowed a refund or credit for work completed.

Students who withdraw under disciplinary action and/or suspended are not entitled to any refunds for any part of the semester.

Records request form	L'LE GE
Name of student	BIBLE
Date of request	
All transfer credits from another institution in the field of Biblical Studies will per credit hour to transfer to ABC. Copies from another institution must be ar with the school's seal and registrar's signature.	_
Once a transfer credit is accepted, it becomes the student's official record at Ac	dullam Bible College.
Name of institution request is madeAddress	
Signature of student Date	
Records are forwarded to:	
Adullam Bible College Satellite Office	
726 Middleton Street  Jackson, Tennessee 38301	
Attention: Trina Leasure	
Signature of registrar Date	

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# **Adullam Bible College Transcript Request Form**

Name of Student	Date of request		
Address	City	, State	Zip
Date of Birth	SSN		
Degree completed	Date Con	npleted/Withdrawn	
Signature of student giving permission	Date		
Number of transcripts requested			
Transcripts mailed to:			
Transcript copy is \$25.00			
Payment must be remitted to:			
Adullam Bible College			
Satellite Office			
726 Middleton Street			
Jackson, Tennessee 38301			
Attention: Trina Leasure			



# **Attendance Policy**

In order to receive full credit, a student must regularly attend class. Faculty must record attendance at every class meeting. If a student is registered in a course at ABC, but does not attend, the Faculty member will record the dates which the student was absent. Faculty will attempt to communicate with the student via phone or email, to urge the student to attend. If the student has not attended class for two consecutive weeks of class, the Faculty, and Registrar will submit these forms to the Academic Office, and we will inform the relevant parties of the student's withdrawal from the course.

- Step 1: Faculty attempts to contact the student after missing all classes for 1 week.
- Step 2: After a student has missed 2 consecutive weeks of class, Faculty will fill out and send the Inactive Student Attendance Form to the Registrar's office.

Step 3: The Registrar will fill out and send the Administrative Withdrawal Form to the Academic Office. Administrative Withdrawal Form Inactive Student Attendance. This form must be completed by the Registrar after a student has missed two consecutive weeks of classroom instruction without informing the faculty member concerning the student's reason for the absences. Student Name Course Number, Name & Instructor(s) Location Dates of Missed Classroom Attendance Dates of Communication Attempts Initiated with the Student Email., Faculty Name (Printed) and Registrar's Signature Date Office Use Only Inactive Student Attendance Form Received Date Department Approval Initials. Once the student is withdrawn, all information must be placed in the student's inactive file.

# **Administrative Withdrawal Form**

# **Inactive Student Attendance**

This form must be completed by the faculty or registrar after the student has missed two (2) consecutive classes without an excused absence or informing the instructor the reason they have missed class.

Student name		_
Course Name		_
Name of Instructor		_
Semester		
Name and Location of	school	
Dates of Missed Class	room Attendance	
	Dates of communication attempts initiated with	n student
Phone	•	
Email		
Administrator Name	(print) Administrator Signature	Date
	For Official Use Only	
Registar's signature	Name of Course Date Withd	lrawn

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# STUDENT APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Fall semester 2023\_\_\_\_\_ Spring semester 2024\_\_\_\_\_

Name		Birth date		
Address				
Street	(City)	(State)		
Home Phone ()		Cell ( )		
Email Address				
Best Time To Contact (	)day (	) ev	ening	
High School	GED	Date Graduated	d	
Address				
City/State/Zip				
Colleges/Universities o	r other Schools Attende	<u>d</u>		
Location	Date	Credits Earned		

Location	Dat	e	Credits Earned	
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	Check the de	egree prograi	m you wish to qualify for:	
Associates B	achelors	Masters _	Doctorate	
	-		d. Include an attached sheet of this education degree.	of ministry
improvement and v	will be used to enl	hance my go	am for my own personal and aspel ministry. I submit that a ne best of my knowledge.	-
Applicant	s Signature		Date	
		Official	use only:	
Approved	Co	nditional Ap	pproved	_
Not Approved				
Signature			Date	
Comments				

# Associates Degree requirements total 60 cumulative credits

# **COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE Understanding the Bible**

# Introduction to Systematic Theology

101 The Doctrine of The Word of God	Credits 2
<ul><li>How do we Know that the Bible is God's Word?</li><li>Are there any errors in the Bible?</li></ul>	Credits 2 Credits 2
102 The Doctrine of God	Credits 2
<ul><li>How do we know that God exists?</li><li>Can we really know God?</li></ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>How is God different from us?</li> </ul>	Credits 2
103 The Doctrine of God	Credits 2
<ul><li>The Creation of Man</li><li>Why did God create two sexes?</li></ul>	Credits 2
<ul><li>Can men and women be equal and yet have different roles?</li><li>What is sin?</li></ul>	Credits 2 Credits 2
104 The Doctrine of Christ	Credits 2
<ul><li>The Person of Christ</li><li>The Atonement</li></ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>Resurrection and Ascension</li> </ul>	Credits 2
105 The Doctrine of the Application of Redemption	Credits 2
Common Grace	Credits 2
• Election	Credits 2
The Gospel Call     Garage Faith and Barage Call	Credits 2
Conversion Faith and Repentance  Listification and Adaptics	Credits 2
<ul><li> Justification and Adoption</li><li> Sanctification</li></ul>	Credits 2
	Credits 2
• The Perseverance of the Saints	Credits 2
<ul> <li>Death ,the Intermediate State, and Glorification</li> </ul>	Credits 2

# 106 The Doctrine of The Church

The Nature of the Church	Credits 2
• Baptism	Credits 2
The Lord's Supper	Credits 2
Gifts of the Holy Spirit	Credits 2
107 The Doctrine of the Future	
• The Return of Christ: When and How?	Credits 2
The Millennium	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Final Judgment and Eternal Punishment</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The New Heavens and New Earth</li> </ul>	Credits 2

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# Bachelor's Degree requirements total 60 cumulative credits

Note: This is 60 hours above the Associates degree total of 120 hours

COURSE	NUMBER A	AND TITLE

Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem

Introduction to Systematic Theology

# ST 101- The Doctrine of the Word of God

<ul> <li>The Word of God</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Canon of Scripture</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Four Characteristics of Scripture</li> </ul>	Credits 2
ST 102- The Doctrine of God	
The Existence of God	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Knowability of God</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Character of God Part 1 and 2</li> </ul>	Credits 4
• God in Tree Persons (Trinity)	
ST 103- The Doctrine of Man in the Image of God	
The Creation of Man	Credits 2
<ul> <li>Man as Male and Female</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Essential Nature of Man</li> </ul>	Credits 2
• Sin	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Covenants between God and Man</li> </ul>	Credits 2
ST 104 The Doctrines of Christ and the Holy Spirit	
The Person of Christ	Credits 2
The Atonement	Credits 2
<ul> <li>Resurrection and Ascension</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Offices of Christ</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Work of the Holy Spirit</li> </ul>	Credits 2
ST 105 The Doctrine of the Application of Redemption	
• Common Grace	Credits 2
<ul> <li>Election and Reprobation</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>Regeneration</li> </ul>	Credits 2

Conversion, Justification , Adoption, Sanctification	Credits 2
ST 106 The Doctrine of the Church	
• The Church Nature, Its Marks, and Its Purposes	Credits 2
• The Power of the Church	Credits 2
Church Government	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Means of the Grace within the Church</li> </ul>	Credits 2
<ul> <li>Baptism, The Lord's Supper, Worship</li> </ul>	Credits 2
ST107 The Doctrine of the Future	
The Return of Christ	Credits 2
The Millennium	Credits 2
<ul> <li>The Final Judgment and Eternal Punishment</li> </ul>	Credits 2
The New Heavens and New Earth	Credits 2

#### **Master of Theology**

Requirements - 30 hours required (plus 50 page Thesis) 50 hrs Internship

**Curriculum "Training for Service"** 

**Higher Education** 

Note: the first 5 weeks will consist of writing a research paper APA format

ED 300 Introduction to Higher Education

3 hrs

This class introduces the student to higher level expectations at the graduate level. Thesis writing, APA style, Internship and research

ED 301 Study of Theology

3 hrs

This introduction to Theology will expose the student to the study of God and various doctrines that teach "higher power". Research, writing and field experience will also be explored and discussed

**Professional Courses** 

302 ED Biblical Exposition

4 hrs

This section explores how we got our Bible. who wrote it and how it has been preserved through the years. It will also explain the various popular English translations as well how the Old and New Testaments were written

303 OTG Old Testament Geography and History 3 hrs

In this section the 3 Dispensations, Old and New Testaments are explained. Letters of the New Testament and characters in the Old Testament are revealed and discussed

304 OTG Old Testament Institutions

3 hrs

This course will explore the Tabernacle, its use, its structure and purpose. Within the discussion the importance and use of the "altar" will be explained. History of the Synagogue and Jewish Feasts will be a point of discussion

305 TC1 The Christ

3 hrs

New Testament lands will be researched and discussed. The history and the life of Christ will be discussed. Additional research may be assigned

306 TC2 301 The Church

3 hrs

Discussions and research will be centered around the following:

The Apostles and the Great Commission, the beginning of the Church, the New Life of Christ, and the life of Paul

#### **Christian Capstone**

Total	30 hrs
333 Oral Presentation	0 hr
332 Powerpoint Presentation	1 hr
331 Internship (field experience)	3 hrs
330 Thesis Research	4 hrs

Note: Students seeking to pursue an add-on concentration in Chaplin Ministry will complete all 50 Internship hours with a Chaplin (documentation required)

Masters Program....Certificate in Christian Counseling (Add on) Independent Course of Study

Masters Degree in Theology required. This certificate will be an add-on to the Masters degree program with a concentration in Christian Counseling. Requirements that will be added to the course of study are as follows:

Read the following text books and write a 5 page summary (all can be found on Amazon books) This course work will be **15 additional hours** 

- 1. How to Counsel God's Way author Bob Hockstra
- 2. Cornerstone for Communication author Karen Scholl
- 3. Prayers that Heal the Heart author Mark and Patti Virklen
- 4 Parenting for Success author Daniel Kingston
- 5. Communion with God: of Communion with God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost author John Owen

In addition to the above 50 Internship hours will be required. Student must be mentored by a Licensed Ordained Elder (documentation required).

An Adullam instructor will work with each student on an individual basis as they complete this independent course of study

**Note**: This certificate will allow the recipient to provide Christian Counseling only (not to be confused with Therapeutic or Clinical Counseling)

# **Masters in Theology**

# Chaplaincy Degree Syllabus

**Program Overview:** This accelerated, one-year Master's level Chaplaincy program is intended for individuals seeking to serve in diverse chaplaincy roles within various institutional settings. The course aims to equip students with theological knowledge, pastoral care skills, interfaith understanding, and ethical considerations necessary for effective chaplaincy.

### **Course Outline:**

# Semester 1: Foundations of Chaplaincy and Skills Development

1. Theology and Ethics in Chaplaincy	Credits	3
2. Pastoral Care and Counseling:		3
3. Chaplaincy in Context:		2
4. Interfaith Dialogue and Relations:		3
5. Crisis Intervention and Grief Counseling:		3
6. Spiritual Formation and Development:		3

# Semester 2: Specialized Chaplaincy Contexts and Practical Application

1. Advanced Pastoral Care and Counseling: .	3	
2. Chaplaincy and Mental Health:	2	
3. Chaplaincy Internship:	1	
4. Chaplaincy Case Studies:	2	
5. Thesis:	2	
6. Professional Development for Chaplains:	2	
7. Orals	1	

**Total Credits 30** 

## **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Understand the role and responsibilities of a chaplain within various institutional settings.
- 2. Apply theological and ethical perspectives to real-world chaplaincy situations.
- 3. Exhibit competence in pastoral care, counseling, crisis intervention, and grief counseling.
- 4. Engage effectively in interfaith dialogue and demonstrate respect for religious diversity.
- 5. Understand and respond to mental health issues within a chaplaincy context.
- 6. Exhibit professionalism and commitment to ongoing learning in the chaplaincy field.

This curriculum is designed to be intensive yet comprehensive, providing students with both the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required for effective chaplaincy. Regular opportunities for reflection, discussion, and real-world application will be embedded throughout the course.

## Doctoral Fields of Study, ThD Theology

Requirements: 30 credit hrs 100 page dissertation, Oral Examination &100 clock hrs. internship

Applicants for the Doctor's program must have a master's Degree and a 3.0 GPA from an accredited institution in religion. (Documentation required prior to admission).

Students applying to the doctoral program in **Theology** should have or be completing a master's program.

Our existing areas of focus are listed below. Students will choose from the following topics for their dissertation. **Students are also encouraged to create their own area of focus.** However, if student selects their own focus of study, it must be approved by the administrative committee.

History of Christianity Church Leadership Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Administration of the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ethics, Philosophy, and Politics in the Study of Religion The student will meet with their selected committee within the first four (4) weeks of the semester to discuss their topic of interest and their statement of purpose. In the statement of purpose, applicants to the doctoral program should explain their intellectual interests and research plans indicate what area of Religious Studies they hope to pursue. The committee will meet and advise the student of their decision within three (3) weeks.

The majority of the Doctoral program will be research-based. Instructor will meet with students in class either in person or via zoom/google meet facilitating discussions on Modules and or dissertation preparation. Conference calls, zoom/google meet or Skype will occur throughout the semester. Student pursuing a degree in Religious Studies or Theology assignments will consist of the following:

Note: the month of August (one day each week) will be devoted to writing a research paper APA format. This is not a requirement but is highly recommended for those persons entering the Masters or Doctoral programs.

- Class 1 Introduction to Methods and Research
- Class 2 & 3 Study of Theology
- Class 4 & 5 Students will meet to discuss dissertation (topic selection) preparation and abstract due.
- Class 6 & 7 Research Module 1 (Topic to be provided)
- Class 8 Students will meet to discuss progress on dissertation.
- Class 9 Mid-Term Examination
- Class 10 & 11 Research Module 2 (Topic to be provided)
- Class 12 Students will meet to discuss progress on their dissertation.
- Class 13 &14 Research Module 3 (Topic to be provided)
- Class 15 Open discussion on Module 3 and progress on dissertation
- Class 16 &17 PowerPoint presentations via zoom/google meet (Topic to be provided)
- Class 18 & 19 Research Module 4 (Topic to be provided)

- Class 20 & 21 Research Module 5 (Topic to be provided)
- Class 22 Open discussion on Module 5
- Class 23 Final Examination
- Class 24 Discuss Dissertation Research and prepare for Orals

Students pursuing a degree in Church Leadership/Administration assignments will consist of the following: Thesis (50 pages APA style) Internship (50 hours) Oral presentation, and other assignments given by instructor.

# Doctoral Field of Study, ThD Church Leadership and Administration

Applicants for the Doctor's program must have a master's Degree and a 3.0 GPA from an accredited institution in religion. (Documentation required prior to admission).

# **Course Requirements**

Note: the first 5 weeks will consist of writing a research paper APA format

**1.Time**: The student must complete the course requirements within 28 weeks, 14 weeks per semester.

During this time, the student is expected to devote a minimum of 84 hours to the completion of the course.

- **2. Lectures and Study Questions**: The student is expected to answer study questions based on the lectures as well as the required readings.
- **3.** Collateral Reading: The student is required to read 600 pages from books listed on the bibliography contained in this syllabus.
- **4. Dissertation:** The student is required to write a 100 page paper dealing with a Christian philosophy of leadership and administration. The paper should explore the various aspects of leadership from a biblical point of view, offering appropriate texts and interpretations and dealing with such matters as: leadership styles, examples from the New Testament, and the gift of administration. Paper must be written in APA format.

#### 5. Spiritual Formation Project

**RATIONALE**: Ministry preparation and the Christian life require more than academic exercises.

Learners also need personal, spiritual formation, which involves theological reflection and critical thinking on their current practices and assumptions. This process occurs as learners engage in self-reflection and interaction in a community of learning.

Write a five-page reflective essay and interview a mentor, discussing the spiritual impact of this course on your life. Identify your mentor early in the course and submit the essay to your grader when you take the final exam

This last project should not be a summary of course content, but an application of course principles. Complete the following:

A. Personal Reflection and Evaluation: Reflect on the course – To integrate your academic studies with your walk of faith, reflect on the content of the course and evaluate your life considering what you learned.

Follow these steps in your reflections:

**Step 1**: What one theme, principle, or concept in the course is the most significant to you personally?

Why is it significant?

**Step 2**: What portion(s) of the course brought this theme/principle/concept to light?

**Step 3**: Think about your past. Why is it vital now for you to deal with and apply this theme/principle/concept?

**Step 4**: How should this affect your thoughts and actions, and what specific steps should you take to concretely apply what you have learned?

Write your answers to the above questions in full paragraph form. (Recommended length for this reflection: approximately three pages)

Give a copy of this reflection to your mentor (see #2).

Community Reflection and Interaction: Interview a mentor – Since the Holy Spirit uses the input of others to guide and form His people, interview a mentor according to the following guidelines:

Who should you interview? (1-3 are required; 4-6 are recommended)

- 1. Someone with whom you have a reasonably close relationship.
- 2. Someone who is a mature Christian ministry leader (i.e. a pastor).
- 3. Someone who is not your grader or a family member.

**NOTE**: Identify your mentor early in the course and give him/her the page entitled "Guidelines for Mentors."

Focus of the interview – Your interview should focus on the issues and questions you raise in your essay. For example:

- •What feedback can your mentor give in response to your essay?
- •Considering the course content, are the conclusions you made appropriate? Why or why not?
- •What additional advice, deeper insights or broader applications might he/she suggest from his/her own life and ministry?

**NOTE**: Conduct this interview either in person (preferred) or virtually. Do not use electronic communication (i.e. email, instant messenger, etc.). Suggested length: 45 minutes. C. Synthesis and Application: Draw your final conclusions – Having reflected on the course and the discussion with your mentor, synthesize what you have learned in these three sections:

- I. **Section 1**: Begin your essay with the personal refection from #1 above. This should be exactly what you gave your mentor for the interview.
- II. **Section 2**: Comment on your interview, explaining what you discussed and the insights you gained from your mentor. Include the following:
  - What were the mentor's comments regarding your essay?
  - What advice did he/she give?
  - How did his/her comments expand or correct your application of the course?
  - Include the person's name, occupation, and the length of the interview.
- III. **Section 3**: Conclude with a synthesis of what you have learned. Answer the following:
  - If your mentor corrected any thoughts in your "Personal Reflection and Evaluation", how do you feel about these corrections? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

- Synthesizing your thoughts from section one and your mentor's insight in section two, what final conclusions have you reached? How is this different from section one?
- In light of the interview and further reflection, what additional, specific changes need to occur in your life and what concrete steps will you take to implement them?

**NOTE TO STUDENTS**: Your effort in this assignment will determine its benefit. If by the end of this course you have not yet reflected critically on your life considering what you have studied, allow this assignment to guide you in that process. The instructor for this course will not

score your essay based on the amount of spiritual fruit you describe; so, do not exaggerate (or

trivialize) what you have learned. The primary grading criteria is that you have thoughtfully considered the principles of the course and realistically sought to apply them to your life. If you

have done this and met the minimal requirements (as noted above), you will earn the full points for this assignment.

**Note on confidentiality**: Perhaps the Holy Spirit is dealing with you in some very personal areas of your life. Because of this, your grader will keep your essay entirely confidential and either return or discard it.

**Objective**: to stimulate reflection and interaction on course principles in order to enhance personal spiritual formation.

6. **Final Examination**: There will be one final examination for the course, consisting of 50 multiple-choice questions. The exam will cover both the lectures and required reading.

#### **COURSE GRADING**

Your grade for the course will be determined as follows:

Lectures and Study Questions - 20% Each Lecture lesson equals one credit...total 24

**Collateral Reading** - 10%

**Dissertation - 25%** 

**Spiritual Formation Project** - 10%

**Final Examination - 25%** 

**Internship** -15%

**Total** - 100%

**INTERNSHIP 3hrs** 

**DISSERTATION 3hrs** 

# Doctor of Divinity Ministry DMin 30 hours plus 100 hr. internship and Oral Exam

#### Pastoral Care and Counseling / Pastoral Theology

Students in the DMin. concentration in Pastoral Care & Counseling / Pastoral Theology will benefit from advanced theological study and professional work specifically designed for those who desire to serve as **chaplains**, **pastoral care specialists**, **pastoral counselors or congregational pastors**. The program emphasizes the helping relationship, theological understandings of pastoral care, the multicultural contexts of pastoral care, understanding psychotherapeutic theories and strategies, and various forms of pastoral care and counseling. A race, class, and gender analysis will be appropriated for the practice of care and counseling.

#### The Curriculum will include:

- Introduction to Christian Counseling 2 hrs
- Foundations in Pastoral Care and Counseling 3hrs
- Pastoral Care Integrative Seminar 4hrs
- Assessment and Diagnosis in Clinical Theology vs Religious Therapy 3 hrs
- Theories of Counseling 4hrs
- Research Methods Seminar for Pastoral Care and Counseling 3hrs
- Race, Class, Gender, and Pastoral Care and Counseling 3 hrs

#### **Course requirements**

- Course work 22 hrs
- Technology Presentation 3 hrs
- Theological Research 3 hrs
- Internship 2 hrs

Note: This degree is not through a secular program of therapeutic counseling but is designed to provide tool/skills necessary for pastoral care and christian counseling.

### **Disagreement/Conflict Resolution**

Protocol for any disagreement with the instructor or the program of study is as follows:

• First contact is with the curriculum instructor.

The issue is presented to the instructor for resolution. If the outcome of the issue discussed is unsatisfactory with the complaint, then the issue is presented to the site-administrator for resolution. If the issue is not resolved there, then the administrator will contact the ABC administration, present the issue for possible resolution.

# **Student Handbook Agreement**

This agreement is between the student and the instructor. The purpose of the agreement is for the student to officially acknowledge they have read/reviewed/understand the Student Handbook published by the staff and approved by the Board of Directors of Adullam Bible College. All basic information regarding the college is found in the Student Handbook.

I understand that courses offered through ABC are strictly for religious purposes only, and that secular courses are not offered through ABC. The degree I receive through ABC will be in a field of religion primarily for use in ministry.

Student	Date
Instructor	