

# FIELD EDUCATION SEMINAR 02PT5905

Spring Semester 2020

February 5-May 12, 2020

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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Schedule: Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm

### Course Purpose:

The dual purpose of this seminar is to deepen students' understanding of issues faced in ministry and to facilitate reflection on their Field Education experience. Emphasis will be on what they have learned, how they have grown spiritually, and the relationship between what they have experienced in the field and future ministry challenges.

### Course Objectives:

During this seminar, you will process your field education experience:

- *Biblically and theologically* with the goal of seeking to understand how God's Word and personal calling intersect with the realities of ministry.
- *Corporately* through class interaction about the field education experience.\*
- *Personally* through self-reflection and evaluation.

*(\* Students in the Hybrid program must register for the FE Seminar but they do not have class interaction like resident students. The requirements for Hybrid students are: (1) to complete the assignments listed below by the deadlines specified and (2) to have a phone or Skype interview with the Director of Field Education before the end of the semester. During that interview you will be asked questions about your field experience.)*

### Course Prerequisite:

Students must complete their 400 hours of approved field experience while they are attending RTS (previous ministry experience does not count). Both the student's and the supervisor's evaluations must be submitted to the Director of Field Education before students can register for the seminar.

# Course Requirements

## Assignments:

### 1. Read any *one* of the following books:

- *Surviving Ministry: How to Weather the Storms of Church Leadership* by Michael Osborne
- *Dangerous Calling* by Paul David Tripp
- *The Contemplative Pastor* by Eugene Peterson
- *Leading with a Limp* by Dan Allender
- *The Imperfect Pastor* by Zach Eswine

### 2. Write a 500-1000 word reflection paper in which you answer ALL the following questions:

- What were the *three* most significant ideas, statements, or principles in the book for you? Why were they impactful?
- How might you implement those three significant ideas in your future ministry?
- What do you anticipate will make it challenging to implement those three significant ideas in your future ministry?
- What will be necessary for you to do in order to meet the challenges you've identified?

### 3. Create your résumé: It should include your Objective, Experience, Education, Skills, and References (Not to exceed two pages). Details will be covered in the seminar.

### 4. Class Attendance and Participation (*resident students only*): In order to fully benefit from this seminar, you must both attend all the classes and be an active participant.

### 5. Presentation: *Resident* students will make an oral presentation to the class on your Field Education experience and submit this presentation in written form. *Hybrid* students will only submit the written presentation. A guideline of what to include is as follows:

- **Ministry Situation and Overall Environment:** This is to be a comprehensive but gracious description of the church, your FE Supervisor, the people you ministered alongside, and the people to whom you ministered.
- **Personal Strength and Weaknesses:** This is to be a candid self-evaluation of your strengths and weaknesses in ministry and the factors that contributed to each. Strengths should not be viewed as boasts nor should weaknesses be viewed as self-deprecation. Please include not only self-realized strengths and weaknesses but any areas you have become aware of through your ministry experience and time at RTS.
- **Challenging Personal Relationships:** This should be a forthright analysis and assessment of your relationship with someone with whom you had difficulties or conflicts during your field education experience. Describe what effect it had on your ministry and you. What did you learn from this conflict? How will you handle conflicts in the future?
- **Positive Personal Relationships:** This is an analysis of a positive relationship and the reasons you consider it to have been beneficial. Describe why this was a positive relationship and how it affected you and your ministry experience. How will this affect your future ministry? How will you foster healthy relationships in the future?
- **Field Education Experience & Lessons Learned:**

- Describe your view of the local church *before* starting seminary, and *before* your field education experience. How has it changed?
- Describe the various ministry opportunities you had during your field education (preaching, teaching, visitation, etc.). What did you learn about each aspect of ministry and your giftedness in them?
- What could have made your field education experience more effective?
- What has been the overall effect of your seminary experience and the field education internship with regards to your walk with the Lord? Your love for the Church? Your desire to shepherd God’s people?

**Course Grading:**

**Grading Scale:** This seminar is Pass (P) or Fail (F). A grade of Fail (F) will result from unexcused absences, failure to complete the class presentation or reflection paper, or a significant lack of participation in class discussion.

**Assignment Deadlines:**

Date	Details	
Wed February 26, 2020	Résumé	due by 2pm
Wed April 1, 2020	Written Presentation	due by 4pm
Wed April 29, 2020	Reflection Paper	due by 4pm

**Course Objectives Related to MDiv\* Student Learning Outcomes**

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 Professor: Mike Osborne

Campus: Orlando

Date: Spring 2020

<b>MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes</b>		<b>Rubric</b>	<b>Mini-Justification</b>
<p><i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Strong</li> <li>➤ Moderate</li> <li>➤ Minimal</li> <li>➤ None</li> </ul>	
<b>Articulation (oral &amp; written)</b>	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.	Moderate	Student prepares a paper and oral presentation on Field Ed experience, and interacts on required reading.
<b>Scripture</b>	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Minimal	Student does not engage with Scripture in the original languages. Student interacts with how Scripture intersects with ministry in the local church.
<b>Reformed Theology</b>	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Minimal	Student evaluates how Reformed Theology worked itself out in his field education experience.
<b>Sanctification</b>	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Strong	Through reading, class discussion and personal reflection student will assess his growth in the Gospel.
<b>Desire for Worldview</b>	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.	Strong	Student gains a deeper understanding of the mission of God as it works out in the local church.
<b>Winsomely Reformed</b>	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Moderate	Through class discussion student will evaluate various theologies of ministry, showing the value of ecumenism.
<b>Preach</b>	Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Minimal	If student preached in his field experience, that preaching will be evaluated.
<b>Worship</b>	Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.	Moderate	If the student led worship or participated in worship planning, that experience will be evaluated.
<b>Shepherd</b>	Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.	Moderate	Student evaluates his shepherding skills during field experience. Emphasis will be on how to be more effective in shepherding.
<b>Church/World</b>	Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	Moderate	Student will learn the significance of being ecumenically winsome regardless of ministry context.

