



**Applications in Youth Ministry**  
MIN 424  
Southwestern College Professional Studies

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

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I. **Course Catalog Description**

This is a comprehensive youth ministry course, the content of which is foundational to local church work. Emphasis will be placed on equipping learners to practice youth ministry in the local church by exploring a variety of theories, techniques, and resources.

II. **Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials**

Olson, G., Elliot, D., & Work, M. (2001). *Youth ministry management tools: Everything you need to successfully manage and administrate your youth ministry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Youth Specialties, Zondervan.

Yaconelli, M. (2006). *Contemplative youth ministry: Practicing the presence of Jesus*. Grand Rapids, MI: Youth Specialties, Zondervan.

Oestreicher, M. (2008). *Youth ministry 3.0: A manifesto of where we've been, where we are, and where we need to go*. Grand Rapids, MI: Youth Specialties, Zondervan.

Dean, K. C. (2004). *Practicing passion: Youth and the quest for a passionate church*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing.

III. **Learning Outcomes**

Learning outcomes describe the knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes that learners gain as the result of a particular learning experience. Southwestern College Professional Studies has learning outcomes specific to each course and each [undergraduate](#) and [graduate](#) program of study, as well as [institution-wide outcomes](#) related to the mission and vision of the college. Outcomes can help learners and instructors focus on the big picture of the learning experience and can help inform potential employers about a graduate's knowledge and skills.

Upon successfully completing this course, the learner will be able to:

- Develop strategies for practicing youth ministry
- Apply theological, sociological, developmental and cultural concepts to the practice of youth ministry
- Explain and apply key youth ministry principles
- Practice thinking critically about youth ministry concepts and applying them to real life youth ministry situations
- Articulate theological foundations for youth ministry
- Develop a comprehensive youth program

At the end of the course, learners may vary in their ability to achieve these outcomes. You are more likely to achieve these outcomes only if you attend class and/or online activities as required by the syllabus, complete the requirements for all assignments to the best of your ability, participate actively in class activities and group work as directed, and study diligently for exams.

IV. **Course Policies**

Students are expected to read and abide by the course policies located in the instructor-specific syllabus in the blackboard course.

V. Course Requirements:

Requirements	Number of Assignments	Points Possible	Percent of Grade
Discussions	7	250	25%
Papers	3	350	35%
Case Studies	2	200	20%
Portfolio Project	1	200	20%
<b>Total Points</b>		<b>1000</b>	<b>100%</b>

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Practicing Passion Prelude</i>, Introduction and Sections 1 – 2</li> <li>• <i>Youth Ministry Management Tools</i> Introduction</li> <li>• Practical Theology (attached)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions discussion</li> <li>• Unit 1 Discussion</li> <li>• Spiritual Life Reflection Paper</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Practicing Passion</i> Section 3 and Postlude</li> <li>• <i>Youth Ministry Management Tools</i> Parts 1 - 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 2 Discussion</li> <li>• Theology Paper</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Youth Ministry Management</i> Parts 3 - 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 3 Discussion</li> <li>• Unit 3 Case Study</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Youth Ministry 3.0</i></li> <li>• <i>Contemplative Youth Ministry</i> Foreword, Introduction and chapters 1 - 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 4 Discussion</li> <li>• Theological Integration Paper</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Contemplative Youth Ministry</i> Ch. 6-9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 5 Discussion</li> <li>• Unit 5 Case Study</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Contemplative Youth Ministry</i> Ch. 10 - Appendix 3</li> <li>• Ministry Models</li> <li>• Ministry Components</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 6 Discussion</li> <li>• Portfolio Project</li> </ul>

VII. Other Policies and Requirements

Follow this link to the Southwestern College Professional Studies [Standard Syllabus](#) in Blackboard. You may be required to log in.