



Practicum in Specialized Ministries 1

SMIN 596

Southwestern College Professional Studies

COURSE SYLLABUS

I. Course Catalog Description

The practicum involves real work experience in a ministerial setting. Established practicum settings include working at the United Methodist reporter and the campus ministries office on the main campus of Southwestern College. Practicum experiences can also take place in other ministry settings. Approval forms are submitted prior to the Practicum Part I course start date and includes the description of the work to be undertaken during the Part I and Part II schedule, evaluation criteria, and the off-campus supervisor, and the supervising teacher.

II. Required and Supplementary Instructional Materials

Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. (2015). *Spiritual disciplines handbook: Practices that transform us*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press. ISBN: 978-0830846054

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 program of study that are in line with the institutional outcomes of critical thinking, ethical reasoning, leadership, communication, and career preparation. Course outcomes support program outcomes and are listed below.

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

1. Apply his/her educational experience to real ministry experiences under the supervision of an experienced minister and the course instructor.
2. Synthesize his/her theoretical knowledge with practical realities.

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
Practicum Experience Journal Entries	6	120	12
Spiritual Disciplines Journal Entries	6	60	6
Discussion Assignments	6	120	12
48-hours Practicum Experience with Biweekly Supervisor Evaluation/Logs	3	240	24
Instructor-directed Projects	2	400	40
Resource Directory Materials	1	60	6
Total Points		1000	100%

VI. Course at a Glance:

Unit	Reading & Preparation Activities	Graded Work Due
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read the syllabus • Familiarize yourself with the requirements, due dates, and grading rubrics for all assignments in the course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weekly Practicum Experience Journal ○ Weekly Spiritual Disciplines Journal ○ Weekly Discussion forums ○ Instructor-Directed Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spiritual Disciplines Evaluation Paper (due in Unit 3) ▪ One-Year Teaching Strategy (due in Unit 6) ○ Resource Directory due in Unit 6 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions discussion 2. Practical Experience Journal entry 3. Spiritual Disciplines Journal entry
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your supervisor receives your biweekly Supervisor Evaluation/Log form for Weeks 1 & 2 • Continue work on your Spiritual Disciplines Evaluation Paper (due in Unit 3) • Continue compiling your RESOURCE DIRECTORY (due in Unit 6) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 2 Discussion: What Was Missing? 2. Practical Experience Journal entry 3. Spiritual Disciplines Journal entry 4. Bi-weekly Supervisor Evaluation/Log
3	Continue compiling materials for your RESOURCE DIRECTORY due in Unit 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 3 Discussion: Spiritual Disciplines 2. Practical Experience Journal entry 3. Spiritual Disciplines Journal entry 4. Spiritual Disciplines Evaluation Paper
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your supervisor receives your biweekly Supervisor Evaluation/Log form for Weeks 3 & 4 • Continue to compile materials for your Resource Directory due at the end of Unit 6 (Week 6) • Begin work on your One-Year Teaching Strategy 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 4 Discussion: Spiritual Influences 2. Practical Experience Journal entry 3. Spiritual Disciplines Journal entry 4. Biweekly Supervisor Evaluation/Log
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue compiling materials for your RESOURCE DIRECTORY due in Unit 6 • Continue work on your One-Year Teaching Strategy due in Unit 6 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 5 Discussion: Too Much of a Good Thing? 2. Practical Experience Journal entry 3. Spiritual Disciplines Journal entry
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your supervisor receives your biweekly Supervisor Evaluation/Log form for Weeks 5 & 6 • Continue to work on all assignments due in Unit 6. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unit 6 Discussion: Formulating a Teaching Strategy 2. Practical Experience Journal entry 3. Spiritual Disciplines Journal entry 4. One-Year Teaching Strategy 5. Resource Directory 6. Biweekly Supervisor Evaluation/Log

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.