

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Northpoint Bible College exists to teach and train students for excellent Pentecostal ministry, in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Overall Objectives for Master of Arts in Practical Theology

At the conclusion of this program the student should be able to:

1. Understand the biblical basis for Christian doctrine and the historical development of the Church and its ministries.
2. Demonstrate a biblically based knowledge of complex issues confronting the contemporary Church.
3. Utilize critical reasoning skills in areas of Christian thought and practice.
4. Acquire linguistic, historical, and critical tools and skills for interpreting Scripture.
5. Demonstrate the development of a biblical world-view in thought, ministry, and life.
6. Develop effective communication skills and methods.
7. Plan for personal spiritual development and demonstrate knowledge of the importance of personal spiritual formation, spiritual disciplines, and various Christian spiritualities.
8. Develop awareness of the relationship between Pentecostal orthodoxy and orthopraxy empowered by the Holy Spirit.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

Statement of Expectation: The Pastoral Leadership Development concentration encourages church ministry organization leaders to make courageous, intentional choices to grow deeper and influence wider. Students who take this concentration will rediscover their calling, develop their unique contribution, and effectively deploy other leaders. Graduates will infuse core paradigms, synthesize leadership theory, cultivate into Bible centered leaders, and acquire the ability to effectively build and lead ministry teams.

Completing all required courses in this concentration the student be able to:

1. Rediscover and articulate his/her calling and giftedness to make their unique contribution in any organization.
2. Define, understand, and utilize leadership emergent theory to build leaders, create teams, and improve their organizational setting.

3. Demonstrate the ability to identify potential ministerial leaders and create a leadership development series to provide quality leaders in a local ministry context.

PREACHING CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

Statement of Expectation: The preaching concentration is designed to enable pastors, missionaries, evangelists and ministerial students preach with *greater confidence*. This confidence grows in the preacher who develops the skills necessary to connect the truth of the biblical text to the needs of the modern listener. Upon completion of this degree the graduate of the preaching concentration should have developed skills in how to: practice genre sensitive biblical interpretation, build sermons that maintain listener interest and engage in audience analysis.

Completing all required courses in this concentration the student be able to:

1. Articulate a biblical theology of preaching.
2. Practice genre sensitive exegesis in sermon preparation.
3. Build sermons that are true to the biblical text and well organized.
4. Analyze listeners and cultural trends that impact preaching effectiveness.
5. Preach sermons that maintain listener interest.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES

Statement of Expectation: After completing the Master of Arts in Practical Theology with a concentration in Christian spirituality/discipleship the student will have a biblical and historical understanding of discipleship/spirituality which will lead them to the development of their own personal theology of discipleship. This personal theology should act as the foundation for the student's future ministry. This concentration will engage the student in the development of their own personal spirituality. Upon completion of this degree the student will be prepared to effectively engage in local church ministry of group or personal Christian education, discipleship, spiritual formation, or mentoring.

Completing all required courses in this concentration the student be able to:

1. Explain key emphasis of major spiritual movements, developments and practices throughout biblical and church history.
2. Summarize the spiritual lives and practices of influential people throughout biblical and church history.
3. Identify and integrate spiritual thinking, disciplines, spirituality, and theological rationale of past Christian spiritual movements and individuals into a 21st setting.

4. Express, investigate, interpret, and appraise concepts, facets, and practices of and for congregational spiritual renewal.
5. Validate when, how, and why participation in the spiritual formation concentration has fostered and developed the student's personal spiritual life.