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The Master of Ministry degree through GCC's Virtual Campus is a ministry of Gateway Christian College for the purpose of providing biblical and ministry training to believers who might not have the opportunity to come on a "traditional" campus for basic Christian studies or for graduate work. The uniqueness of Virtual Campus is the ability to bring the professor, instruction, classroom, and students together virtually. Using "cutting-edge" computer technology, Virtual Campus provides the student with the quality of the on-campus college classroom and the personal interaction with the professor, all without the student having to step outside or away from the computer. Now ... *"Distance learning isn't so distant anymore!"*

MASTER OF MINISTRY (32 credit hours):

The student who has completed a four-year degree may make application for this advanced degree. The student must apply for either the ministerial or non-ministerial track.

The following are the courses required for the graduate degree.

Old Testament Theology (3)
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Contemporary Trends in Christianity (3)
Biblical Principles of Leadership (2)
Biblical Counseling (3)
Apologetics (3)
Philosophy and Practice of Church Music (2)
Free Will Baptist History (2)
Philosophy of Christian Education (2)
Church Administration and Organization (2)
Expository Preaching (4)**
Chapel Services (2)

*** Electives will be provided for those who are on the non-ministerial track for the Master of Ministry degree.*

VIRTUAL CAMPUS CHARGES: 2009-2010

Application Fee \$ 35.00
Tuition (per semester class hour) \$175.00
Drop Fee (per class; this will be deducted from the refund) \$35.00
Graduation Fee \$50.00
Transcript Fee (per copy after first copy) \$5.00

The tuition payment for the semester must be paid in full at the time of class registration (not at the time of application), and must be paid on-line through a credit card payment. If payment is to be made other than by credit card, arrangements need to be made early in the registration process in order to complete registration before classes begin. If a class is dropped through the official procedure, a student may receive a pro-rated refund for the class through the first quarter of the class instruction (through the time of the first test). Afterwards,

no refund will be available. Students must successfully complete classes within the semester the classes are offered in order to receive credit for those classes.

Students are responsible for their own computers, word processing software, and Internet service. Once students have registered and paid for any course through Virtual Campus, there is no charge for downloading or accessing the discussion forum software, the lecture materials, or the class audio files. Each student is solely responsible for the information and effect of downloading electronic media on his or her computer.

No scholarships are available for studies through Virtual Campus at this time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Virtual Campus incorporates the same admissions policies as for on-campus studies at Gateway Christian College. The following are basic additions to those policies as it pertains specifically to online classes.

Class Attendance & Assignments: Students are expected to attend all online classes, to read all the materials assigned for the course, to prepare notes through online materials, to listen conscientiously to all the instructive audio files in their completion, to attend the live discussion forums (if required within the program or class), to take all assigned quizzes or tests, and to submit all required assignments as directed by the professor. Failures in these areas might cause the student to forfeit the class credits.

Academic Suspension & Dismissal: Any student who consistently fails to complete the course work satisfactorily will be subject to dismissal from the Virtual Campus program. Also, violations of fundamental Christian conduct will also cause a student to forfeit his or her student status.

Withdrawal from the College: A student who wishes to withdraw from Virtual Campus must formally submit his or her request via Email addressed to the Registrar (dbarnes@gatewayfwb.org). No student may consider himself or herself withdrawn until the paperwork is completed, signed by the appropriate personnel, and accepted by the Registrar. Students will be charged for all tuition until the day that the withdrawal form has been completed, signed, and approved. When a student has properly withdrawn from the college, transcripts will be issued at his or her request and any refunds to which the student is entitled will be made. Prorated refunds are available only through the first quarter of the class instruction (at the time of the first test). Afterwards, no refunds are available. It is the student's responsibility to see that a request for withdrawal is Emailed promptly and properly. Virtual Campus is not responsible for "lost Emails" that never arrived in the Registrar's office. The student might also call toll free 1-877-GCC-4FWB in order to verify that withdrawal is complete.

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CE501 Philosophy of Christian Education: A survey and comparison of various educational philosophies important to local-church ministry, both in the general teaching ministry of the church and the local-church school. The student will formulate and compose a detailed, personal philosophy of education. As a result, the student will construct an educational mission statement for the institution and detail a plan for enacting that philosophy within the local-church educational ministry. The student may establish early in the semester whether the educational prospectus will apply to the educational ministry of the local church or the church school. *One semester, 2 hours.*

HI501 Free Will Baptist History: This course is an in-depth study of the historical origins of Free Will Baptist along with emphasis on Free Will Baptist leaders and their writings. Concentration will be maintained on Free Will Baptist church polity and doctrine. Students will also be required to conduct personal reading and report assignments. *One semester, 2 hours.*

MU501 Philosophy and Practice of Church Music: This is a practical course that establishes a biblically-based, philosophical approach to church music. This understanding will build a practical approach to a positive and successful local-church music ministry. Also considered in the course are staff relationships and responsibilities, service planning and scheduling, music library and copyright law, musical programs, equipment, budgets, and organizational needs. Students will also read and Scripturally examine current musical trends in church music. *One semester, 2 hours.*

NT501 New Testament Theology: The instruction of a progressive development of theology within the New Testament as a whole as well as specific theological studies within the Synoptics, Johannine writings, Acts, Epistles of Paul, and General Epistles. Formed on the foundations of Old Testament Theology, this course will apply the principles of biblical theology to the study of the New Testament. Along with the studies in theology, students will receive basic New Testament book introductions related to book, author, date, problems, and content. *One semester, 3 hours.*

OT501 Old Testament Theology: The instruction of a progressive development of theology within the Old Testament as a whole as well as specific theological studies within the Pentateuch, Historical Narratives, Wisdom Literature, and Prophets. Various themes will be selected by the professor to enlarge while other themes will be explored by students through personal study and research. Along with the studies in theology, students will receive basic Old Testament book introductions related to book, author, date, problems, and content. *One semester, 3 hours.*

PM221, 222, 223, 224 Chapel Services: This is a requirement for each year that a student takes classes through GCC: Virtual Campus Online. The purpose is for students to feel the atmosphere, heart, and fervency of the ministry around which Gateway Christian College has been birthed as well as impassioned. Each semester of Chapel Services constitutes sixteen messages downloaded from Virtual Campus Online. Only two credit hours are required for the Master of Ministry degree, regardless of the number of times it is taken. There is no charge for Chapel Services.

PM511 Biblical Counseling: An in-depth study emphasizing the biblical method of Christian counseling, although a brief overview is made of other prevalent theories among psychiatrists, psychologists, and counselors. The student will be guided in formulating a biblical foundation and effective procedure in counseling while also having to deal with specific counseling needs. Students will interact in practical counseling preparation through collecting informational resources, discovering the source of the problem revealed in counseling, developing a procedural method for biblical change, and assigning specific homework for continuing counseling. Case studies will be submitted. *One semester, 3 hours.*

PM521, 522 Expository Preaching: An in-depth study of hermeneutics for proper interpretation and preaching of the Old and New Testaments. A step-by-step procedure is presented to aid in the development and delivery of expository sermons. As a result, the student will evaluate and discuss sermons within the discussion forums. Also included within the courses are matters related to proper development of expository sermons such as methods of Bible study, commentaries, and resources. Students are required to present an extensive number of expository sermons for course fulfillment. One semester concentrates on Old Testament books and the second, the New Testament. *Two semesters, 2 hours each.*

PM551 Biblical Principles of Leadership: A thorough study of leadership from a biblical foundation. In contrast to the varied philosophies presented in modern society, biblical leadership models will balance the student's understanding of time management, delegation, interpersonal relationships, organization, communication, planning, and staffing. Students will research and present extensive work on leadership models from biblical literature. Early in the semester, the student must present a prospectus for the subject of his or her leadership model. *One semester, 2 hours.*

PM552 Church Administration and Organization: This course presents the biblical basis for the pastor's responsibility in church administration such as overseer of the church, material asset manager, educational director, shepherd of the flock, and church representative before the public. Specific studies are made in relation to the administrator's staff, church finances, building programs, and management control. Administrative theory is developed that will aid in building effectiveness in leadership, communication, relationships, and follow-through. Principles of organization will be studied to foster effectiveness and expedience in administrative oversight. *One semester, 2 hours.*

TH501 Apologetics: The course will generate a biblical philosophy and defense of the Christian faith in specific matters of the existence of God, the historicity of Jesus Christ, the truthfulness of biblical miracles, and the veracity of the Scriptures. Additionally included in the course are biblical supports such as manuscript, archaeological, and scientific evidence. Critical examination and refutations are also made concerning, although not limited to, various current worldviews. *One semester, 3 hours.*

TH502 Contemporary Trends in Christianity: This course begins with an examination of various theologians and their impact on current theology and biblical teachings. As a result, various theologies will be surveyed, particularly those that affect the fundamental church such as but not limited to Modernism, Reconstructionism, New Evangelicalism, the New Age movement, and secular humanism. This course will also emphasize a philosophy and practice that will help the pastor or church worker minister effectively in the midst of changing trends. *One semester, 3 hours.*

FACULTY

The Lord has provided Gateway Christian College and Virtual Campus with a wonderfully prepared faculty to instruct students to serve Him. The professors not only have prepared well academically, but they come to the classroom with experience in their fields of Christian service. More importantly, the students will find each member of the faculty to be a man who daily walks with God. Students can have confidence not only in the lessons “taught” but also in the character “caught!”

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B.A., Bob Jones University, 1979
M.A., Bob Jones University, 1991
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B.A., Free Will Baptist Bible College, 1969
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