

# MINISTRY PRACTICUM FOR THEOLOGY MAJORS IN THEIR SENIOR OR MASTER-LEVEL YEAR

Your requirement for teaching or preaching can be done in a number of settings, not necessarily from the pulpit. MP can include any occasion when a student ministers the Word of God, if signed off by a church leader.

- Altar counseling
- Personal evangelism
- Church outreaches (both addressing individuals or groups)
- Discipleship classes (one-on-one or small groups)
- Foundations (membership) classes
- Sunday School
- Home Bible Studies
- Home Cell Groups
- Children's ministry
- Youth ministry
- Young adult ministry
- Women's ministry
- Men's ministry
- Single's ministry
- Ministry at retirement centers
- Ministry at veteran's homes
- Hospital visitation
- Missions trips (personal evangelism or addressing a group)
- Prison ministry

## PREPARATION TIME COUNTS

If **using pre-written material**, a student may count up to one hour of preparation time for each hour of ministry. If the student **writes their own material** and teaches/preaches it, they may include up to 4 hours of preparation time for each hour of presentation.

### PREPARATION TIMES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Example 1: if the student were teaching a discipleship course **using pre-written material**, they would need to minister at least 18 times during their senior year.

- 1 hour of prep + 1 hour of ministering = 2 hours each time x 18 times = 36 hours

Example 2: if the student **writes their own material** and teaches/preaches it, they would need to find 7 places to share the Word of God during their senior year. That means they would need to minister somewhere about once a month during the school year.

- 4 hours of prep + 1 hour of ministering = 5 hours each x 7 sermons = 35 hours

NOTE: If necessary, students may continue working to complete their MP hours after their coursework is finished.

### PREPARATION TIMES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Example 1: if the grad student were teaching a discipleship course **using pre-written material**, they would need to minister at least 44 times (about once a week) during their Master's year.

- 1 hours of prep + 1 hour of ministering = 2 hours each time x 44 times = 88 hours

Example 2: if the grad student **writes their own material** and teaches/preaches it, they would need to find to find 18 places to share the Word of God during their Master's year. That means they would need to minister somewhere 1-2 times a month.

- 4 hours of prep + 1 hour of ministering = 5 hours each x 18 sermons = 90 hours

NOTE: If necessary, a grad student may extend his ministry practicum into an "internship period" if he needs more time after his coursework is finished.

## FOR THOSE STUDENTS WHO FIND THIS IMPOSSIBLE:

They may submit sermon outlines and/or recordings for the required number of sermons for MP credit. Your Campus Director will review these sermons. Any sermons that earn a "passing" grade can be awarded Ministry Practicum credit.

Written Sermons:

1. Use the format provided in the LCU Homiletic course for written sermons.
2. These outlines should be 6 pages long.

Recorded Sermons:

1. Use the format provided in the LCU Homiletic course for orally presented sermons.
2. These outlines can be 1-2 pages long.
3. Record yourself as you minister using the camera on your computer.
  - a. Save the files in MP4 (MPEG) format.
  - b. Burn the MP4 files onto a blank CD or DVD.
  - c. Label it with your name and student number, the date, and the course title.
  - d. Turn it in to your Campus Director for review.