

Degree Path: B.A. in Church Leadership-Church Revitalization

Southwestern College of Bible and Church Ministries

Freshman Year

Fall Semester 14 hours

GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I ∞
LDR 1113 Introduction to Leadership Internships ∞
MTH 1113/1123 (Math option) ∞
REL 1153 Intro to New Testament Literature ∞

Spring Semester 16 hours

ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II ∞
(prereq: ENG 1113)
COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech ∞
HIS 1113 American History I ∞
LDR 2133 Leadership Internship 1 ∞
REL 1133 Authentic Christianity ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 1) ∞

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester 16 hours

GOV 2213 National & State Government ∞
BIO 1113/PHY 1113 (Science option) ∞
BIB 2213 Bible Study ∞
PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology ∞
LDR 3133 Leadership Internship 2 ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 2) ∞

Spring Semester 14 hours

ENG 2273/2243 (English option) ∞/◇
(ENG 2233, if preferred, is fall only)
(prereq: ENG 1123)
BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry & Mission ∞
BIB 3483 Hermeneutics ∞
PED 2232 Wellness & Lifestyle ∞
CMN 2313 Pastoral Counseling ∞

Junior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours

THE 2213 Intro to Theology & Apologetics ∞
CMN 3433 Expository Preaching I ∞
CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry ◇
CPR 3133 Church Health and Revitalization ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 1)

Spring Semester 15 hours

REL 1163 Intro to Old Testament Literature ∞
CMN 3443 Expository Preaching II ∞
(prereq: CMN 3433)
PMN 3213 Ministerial Ethics **
PMN 3413 Introduction to Rural Ministries ◇
(Course offered online only)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 2)

Senior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours

THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine & History ∞
CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 3)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 4)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 5)

Spring Semester 15 hours

REL 3153 Christian Ethics ∞
PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership ◇
CPR 3133 Understanding & Reaching Community *
THE 3133 Systematic Theology II ◇
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 6)

Please Note:

- This plan is one example of how to complete the degree in 4 years. It assumes no transfer credit and no developmental coursework. It will work for some, but not for all.
- You can meet with your scheduler, program coordinator, or department chair to plan around your circumstances and develop your personal degree path. Degree requirements and offerings are subject to change, so consult advisors for on-going updates.
- Course Offering Codes:
 - ∞ every fall and spring semester
 - * only that semester in odd years
 - *** to be taken *only* in specified semester
 - ◇ every year only fall/spring/summer (as listed)
 - ** only that semester in even years
 - ∞/◇ offering differs in order listed

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OVERVIEW

Are you interested in reviving a struggling church? Do you want to tackle the challenge of finding a church in need of strong leadership and a person who can guide it back to success? If this sounds like you, the Nelson B.A. in Church Leadership-Church Revitalization may be a great fit. In today's world, the church has fallen on hard times. According to Gallup, church attendance in America has dropped below 50% for the first time ever.* This troubling trend can be attributed to a number of factors-mainly that an increasing number of Americans no longer identify with a particular religion. With our church revitalization degree, you can play a role in battling this trend by learning how to nurse a church back to health. Unbelievers are everywhere-including your local community. This degree program can help you find those people and bring them into your church's family.

**Gallup, at [U.S. Church Membership Falls Below Majority for First Time](#) (viewed online May 11, 2022).*

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Potential careers include:

Associate Pastor
Ministry Leader
Senior Pastor
Youth Pastor

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Church revitalization is a term used to describe efforts and measures taken to nourish a struggling church back to health. Church revitalization requires more than growing the size of your congregation-it involves a spirited effort to help the church rediscover what made it previously successful. Church revitalization also requires a renewed commitment to glorifying God and seeking His will in all church decisions. By partnering with us, you can complete a degree program capable of teaching you the skills needed to revive a church. Don't put your future or the future of your church on hold any longer. Choose the B.A. in Church Leadership-Church Revitalization program and prepare to serve others. Our program is taught by a group of esteemed experts who have years of work and educational experience. At Nelson, our professors are leaders in the fields of education and ministry-so you can feel confident in the quality of instruction that you'll receive.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 57 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- ☐ COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ☐ ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ☐ ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- ☐ GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature
 - ENG 2233 American Literature through the Civil War
 - ENG 2243 American Literature after the Civil War

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- ☐ GOV 2213 National and State Government
- ☐ HIS 1113 American History I
- ☐ PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - BIO 1113 Biological Sciences **OR**
 - PHY 1113 Physical Science
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - MTH 1113 College Mathematics **OR**
 - MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- ☐ PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- ☐ 2 hours from Activity Courses PED 1101-2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

- ☐ BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- ☐ BIB 2213 Bible Study
- ☐ REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- ☐ REL 1153 Introduction to New Testament Literature
- ☐ REL 1163 Introduction to Old Testament Literature
- ☐ REL 3153 Christian Ethics
- ☐ THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- ☐ THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 45 Hours

Church Leadership Core (21 Hours)

- ☐ BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
- ☐ CMN 3433 Expository Preaching I
- ☐ PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership
- ☐ CMN 3443 Expository Preaching II
- ☐ LDR 1113 Intro to Leadership Internship
- ☐ LDR 2133 Leadership Internship I
- ☐ LDR 3133 Leadership Internship II

Specialization (24 Hours)

- ☐ CFM 4143 Family Life and Parenting
- ☐ CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry
- ☐ THE 3133 Systematic Theology II
- ☐ CMN 2313 Pastoral Counseling
- ☐ CPR 3133 Church Health and Revitalization
- ☐ CPR 3313 Understanding and Reaching the Community
- ☐ PMN 3413 Introduction to Rural Ministry
- ☐ PMN 3123 Ministerial Ethics

MINOR STUDIES/GENERAL ELECTIVES 18 Hours

Including at least six hours of upper-level courses. May include official minors or purely elective hours.

- ☐ 18 hours of student's choice

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 120 Hours