

THE MINISTRY TRAINING CENTER

Fairview Baptist Church

SUMMARY

One of the primary calls of pastors and healthy churches in the New Testament is to equip believers and send them out to do the work of the ministry (2 Tim. 2:2; Eph. 4:12). It was out of this conviction that the Ministry Training Center was born.

The Ministry Training Center (MTC) is a training program for men and women pursuing a call to local-church ministry. Seminary Residents receive meaningful ministry experience, theological training, and personal mentorship all within the local church setting. Furthermore, Residents will have the opportunity to earn course credit through Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's EQUIP Program.

PROGRAM EMPHASES

The Ministry Training Center exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and send them out to serve the Church. Thus, the MTC is structured to develop Residents in the following areas:

Spiritual Formation

1. Spiritual Disciplines
2. Theological Integration
3. Servant Leadership

Hands-On Experience

1. Evangelism and Discipleship
2. Expository Teaching
3. Gospel-Centered Ministry

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Ministry Training Center has three terms each year (Spring, Summer, and Fall) to coincide with SEBTS EQUIP Classes. The program runs August through July and Residents must reapply each year. The MTC functions as a cohort and thus, Residents are required to participate for the full duration of the yearly cycle.

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND STIPEND

Residents will become members of Fairview and are expected to participate in all aspects of church life. Apart from serving in all weekly gatherings, residents are only required to work on campus on Wednesdays. Residents may participate in the following activities each week:

1. EQUIP Class reading, homework, and discussion.
2. Discipleship groups with church members and other residents.
3. Reading and round-table discussion of ministry-related texts with pastors and staff.
4. Weekly sermon planning with the pastors.
5. Service in a variety of ministry areas.

MTC Residents will work 8-10 hours a week and will receive a modest stipend in order to help with seminary costs and travel expenses.

MTC BIBLICAL COUNSELING RESIDENTS

Fairview may also accept Residents into the MTC with the primary responsibility of doing biblical counseling under the supervision of Fairview's pastors and the Director of Biblical Counseling, Amber Henderson. Though other MTC Residents will participate in a wide variety of church ministries, Residents for Biblical Counseling will stay focused on discipleship through biblical counseling. Students in counseling programs at Southeastern Seminary are required to complete a certain number of counseling hours under the direction of a qualified supervisor in a local church. Few churches are capable of providing such supervision and, therefore, Fairview has a unique opportunity to train counselors who will serve the local church and strengthen its mission of making disciples.

SEMINARY COURSE CREDIT AND UPCOMING COURSES

In partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fairview Baptist Church is able to offer 36 hours of course credit through the EQUIP program. See eligible classes on page 4.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- *Q: Is the Ministry Training Center for men only?*
 - A: No, we desire to train up and send out both men and women to serve the church in a number of different capacities.
- *Q: Is the Ministry Training Center geared toward theological education or practical ministry experience?*
 - A: Both! While some church internships lean one way or the other, our goal is for the MTC to be both intellectually rigorous and immensely practical. We believe that one's seminary training is not complete until it has been applied in the local church.
- *Q: How does an MTC Resident pay for their SEBTS tuition?*
 - A: Though SEBTS EQUIP courses are offered at Fairview and the instructor will be from Fairview, students pay the standard tuition rate directly to SEBTS.
- *Q: Are Residents placed in one area of ministry?*
 - A: No, we believe that students should serve in a variety of church ministries in order to be more experienced and well-rounded. Only Biblical Counseling Residents are placed in a single ministry area.
- *Q: How long can someone stay an MTC Resident at Fairview?*
 - A: Residents must re-apply for the MTC every year but there is no limit on how long a Resident may be invited to stay.
- *Q: Is housing provided for MTC Residents?*
 - A: No, housing is not provided for MTC Residents at this time.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Wednesday

10am	Administration and Reading
12pm	Lunch
12:45pm	MTC Roundtable
2:30pm	Serve in Ministry Area
4:30pm	EQUIP Class
6:30pm	Wednesday Evening Programming

Sunday

8:30am	Prayer Gathering
9:00am	Serve in Life Groups
10:30am	Serve in Corporate Worship

Any Day

1 Hour	Discipleship Group
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SAMPLE TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Discussion Topics

Gospel-Centered Church Ministry
Criticism and Ministry Burnout
Music and Congregational Singing
Views on Family Ministry
Church Administration
Leading through Change
Discipleship Pathways
Pastoral Care
Missions, Evangelism, and Sending

Position Papers

Divorce and Remarriage
Philosophy of Family Ministry
View of Sacraments
Spiritual Gifts
Eschatology
Soteriology
Church Polity
Philosophy of Music Ministry

Book List

Bunyan, <i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i>
Lovelace, <i>Dynamics of the Spiritual Life</i>
Miller, <i>A Praying Life</i>
Augustine, <i>Confessions</i>
Dever, <i>The Deliberate Church</i>
Wilson, <i>Gospel-Driven Ministry</i>
Packer, <i>Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God</i>
Andy Johnson, <i>Missions</i>
McLaughlin, <i>Confronting Christianity</i>
Cosper, <i>Rhythms of Grace</i>
Clifton, <i>Replant Roadmap</i>
Chatraw, <i>Telling a Better Story</i>
Chandler, <i>Family Discipleship</i>
Bonhoeffer, <i>Life Together</i>

SEBTS EQUIP COURSE OFFERINGS

Course (All Courses are Practicums)	Master of Divinity Degrees			Master of Arts Degrees		
	M.Div. in Christian Ministry (81 hrs.)	M.Div. in N.A. Church Planting (81 hrs.)	M.Div. in Missiology (84 hrs.)	M.A. in Christian Ministry (48 hrs.)	M.A. in Church Planting (36 hrs.)	M.A. in Intercultur al Studies (38 hrs.)
PMN 7900 Mentored Internship (or MIS 6901 Missions)	x	x	x	x	x	x
MIS 5101 Christian Missions: Principles and Practice	x	x	x	x		x
MIS 6541 North American Church Planting	x	x	x	x	x	x
MIS6591 International Church Planting	x	x	x	x	x	x
MIS 6551 Developing a CP Methodology	x	x	x	x	x	
EVA 5101 Evangelism: Nature and Practice	x	x	x	x		
EVA 6611 Personal Discipleship and Disciple-Making	x	x	x	x		x
PMN 6501 Pastoral Ministry and Leadership	x	x	x	x	x	
PMN 6721 Admin. and Edu. in the Local Church	x			x		
PMN 6733 Christian Leadership	x	x	x	x		
PRS 6101 Bible Exposition I: Hermeneutics and Preparation	x	x	x	x	x	x
PRS 6501 Bible Exposition II: Communication and Delivery	x	x	x	x		
BCO 5502 Biblical Counseling	x	x	x	x		
TOTAL POSSIBLE EQUIP HOURS	36	33	30	24	15	18