Ministry Student Program

Village Church's Ministry Student Program serves as a fully accredited (30 credits) 1 year certificate program to equip young leaders in the best of both fields — formal post-secondary academics and practical hands-on ministry training. Students will attend a variety of in-house classes, receive direct mentorship, have hands on training with ministry leaders, and unique opportunities to serve the mission of Village Church.

We want to be laser focused in our approach to what we believe is essential to launch young leaders into a lifetime of effective ministry — no matter where that takes them. Every outcome below is intentional for development and worth credit.

ACADEMICS

1. Know God

Everything we do comes back to the question of "who is God"? We will explore the theological and biblical foundation of the Triune God and students will begin to identify the activity and character of God in their day-to-day lives.

2. Know the Gospel

Students will not only understand the biblical framework for the gospel, but learn to contextualize it in their culture. We will dig into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and understand how this "good news" has implications to the student's life.

3. Interpret Scripture

The Bible can be a complex book. So, students will discover its origin, development and catch the overarching narrative from Genesis to Revelation. We will also recognize key biblical interpretation tools to provide the student with confidence in studying and applying the Bible.

4. Manage Self

Responsibility and capacity are key traits to good leadership, but it starts with knowing oneself. Through formal personal assessments, coaching and training: students will grow in self-awareness, organization, effective time management and writing skills.

5. Be Discipled

Jesus calls all of us to follow him. We will navigate what exactly he is calling us to and how the Trinity is involved in the life of discipleship. Students will look through a biblical and theological lens to develop a personal and pragmatic approach to discipleship.

6. Lead in Teams

As a student is immersed in ministry, they will begin to identify and process the different approaches to leadership. Through this, they will hone a theological, practical and personal approach to their own understanding of leadership, having opportunity to implement.

7. Worship and Spiritual Disciplines

Students will explore the nature and practice of worship as “who we are” not just “what we do”. Much of this will be done through navigating spiritual disciplines and their practical application for our lives.

8. Read Culture

To be a student of culture is to know the questions people are really asking. Students will explore the development of a worldview and how the Christian narrative engages and responds to that worldview. We will stretch the student’s mind to critically identify cultural values that have shaped the world we see today.

9. Be Relational

Love, faith and hope are the driving forces of a Christian's life. Students will define and recognize what it means to be marked by these three attributes. Looking at the example of Jesus, who continually focused outward, loving those who were his enemies.

10. Know the Church

Students see how Jesus Christ uses the church to draw people into community, recognizes the relationship between life in diverse communities and the character of Christian identity, and identifies opportunities for service, discipleship, and evangelism in their context.

ANNUAL SCHEDULE

STRUCTURE

	SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO	SEMESTER THREE
	SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER (RETREAT)	NOVEMBER – FEBRUARY (WINTER BREAK)	FEBRUARY – APRIL (READING WEEK; IMPACT TRIP)
Theological	Know the Gospel	Know God	Know the Church
Personal	Worship and Spiritual Disciplines	Be Discipled	Be Relational
Technical	Lead in Teams	Interpret Scriptures	Read Culture
	Manage Self		

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	SUN.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.
6-7AM	Serving in Ministry Role			
9:30AM		Morning Connect	Morning Connect	Morning Connect
10:30AM		Class 1	Class 3	Ministry Role
12:00PM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30PM		Class 2	Workshop	Ministry Role
2:00PM		Ministry Role	Ministry Role	

MORNING CONNECT

The students will start every program day with a 30 minute devotional teaching and prayer led by one of the students. This creates an opportunity for the students to grow in the ability to teach, lead teams and facilitate meaningful discussion. There will also be bi-weekly men and women split groups to create a safe place of gender specific discussion.

CHAPEL

This will be a time to focus on worship and encouragement. Chapel will be every second Thursday and will be a break from the class format, allowing students to be ministered to and encounter Jesus.

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WORKSHOP

Workshop is a dedicated time and space to focus on completing assignments and projects. Students will need to use this time effectively as often projects need to be done in pairs or teams. This is also a time to present projects to the rest of the class when an assignment calls for it.

IMPACT TRIP

At the end of the program, students will get an opportunity to partner with Village Church's global mission initiatives in a cross-cultural mission trip. If the program surpasses 15 students, there will be two locations for the mission trip. Not only will this be an amazing chance to experience a new culture, but students will have the privilege to invest and reveal Jesus to broken people and communities.

WINTER RETREAT

After the first semester, the students will take time away from the business of life, to focus on character development and spiritual formation. The retreat will be an opportunity to draw close to God, while continuing to build community within the program.

COMMUNITY NIGHTS

One of the goals of the program is building friendships and community that will push each other on for Christ. Every month there will be a night dedicated to this, whether it be a beach bonfire, bowling, going to a movie, potluck, etc.. This will be opened up to teachers and mentors as well.

MINISTRY

We have an incredible team at Village Church and we want to develop young leaders in a variety of different focuses. You will have the opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the best leaders we know and be challenged in your own ability to lead. Students can expect 12-15 hours a week in their ministry placement.

Student Ministries

Students will be committed to helping lead the Village Youth nights in a variety of roles. They will have opportunity to mentor and lead young people as well, coordinate volunteers, organize youth nights and plan events.

Communications

This is for those who have a passion for design and marketing, and or video. Students will assist the communication team in preparing, designing and editing a variety of different projects. They will need an introductory understanding of Adobe Illustrator and/or Photoshop and/or Premiere.

Administration

Students will be working with the structures and systems at Village Church. They will get to partner with our administrative team and experience what it takes to keep a large community organized, efficient and on mission.

Young Adults Ministry

Students will assist the Young Adults Director in planning Young Adult services, organizing events and coordinating with leaders. They will have opportunity to learn ministry vision, leadership and team building.

Production

Students will work with the production team in creating an incredible visual and audio experience for midweek ministries and Sunday service. They will have a variety of roles and learn video, sound, lighting and stage management.

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Worship Arts

The goal of this placement is to train students in furthering their understanding and skills of worship music. Students will need to submit a video audition with their application for approval.

Local Mission

This is for those who have a passion for the city and social causes. Students will work within the Village Local Missions initiatives helping further the support we provide to the impoverished, homeless and needy.

Village Kids

Students will be working with the Village Kids ministry by coordinating volunteers, leading classes and preparing for Sunday service. They will learn system management, leadership and communication skills.

FAQ

ACADEMICS

How is this accredited?

We have been working closely with Northwest Baptist Seminary to develop a Certificate in Christian Leadership that marries school and internship. NBS is one of the leading schools in championing competency based education (CBE) which opens up a unique approach to learning and retention while producing the same outcomes as traditional school.

The student will receive a degree from NBS on completion. NBS is accredited by the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE).

Will I have to attend class at the seminary?

No, the strength of the program is that it is done completely in a local church. The student will be completely immersed in Village Church, learning from pastors and ministry leaders throughout the year.

What kind of access will I have to the seminary?

Not only will you have access to the Trinity Western University library, but because of the format of the program, you will have seminary faculty engage with your assignments as mentors who will encourage and challenge your development as a student.

What opportunities will this degree open up for me?

Beyond a year of intentional personal and practical development, the degree can be helpful in launching a student into continuing a bachelors degree. One option is to pursue an equivalent Bachelor's degree by transferring credit into a conventional program at another Bible school (e.g. Briercrest, Columbia Bible College, PLBC, etc.).

Another option is depending on University program requirements, some/all credit from first-year study could be transferred into a conventional degree program at a public university (e.g. religious studies, humanities, philosophy, etc.).

Lastly, in a very unique situation, a student might be eligible to begin our Masters of Divinity (mDiv) graduate degree at Village Church.

FAQ

What is the academic workload?

There are certain metrics to hit when fulfilling the requirements for accreditation, but the unique nature of CBE is that a portion of that work can be accomplished in the practical ministry. This alleviates some of the workload in reading, writing and classes totalling around 20 hours/week.

A student can expect about 75% of a traditional 1st year of bible college. The remaining 25% is threaded throughout the ministry experience.

Can I apply for student loans?

Technically you will be a student of NBS and can apply through them. However, we have taken pride in keeping this program affordable and would encourage students to use this only if absolutely necessary.

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What can I expect in the ministry placement?

We believe our ministry students are an important asset to moving the mission of Jesus forward. Much of the student's time will be jumping into the continual flow of work that makes all our ministries thrive. We will train the student for the task they will be responsible for and coach then along the way.

There will also be portions of focused development, where the student steps out of the regular work and learns from their ministry lead.

Do I need a car to do my ministry placement?

Depends on the placement. Being able to drive is always helpful, however, we can do our best to position the student to accommodate travel times.

What is the ministry workload?

This is very dependant on the ministry placement. Some placements only operate during office hours, while others have a high Sunday responsibility or nightly commitments. For each placement, we try to adjust the schedule within reason so that each student's weekly commitment stays within 12-16 hours.

Will I be offered a job at Village Church after graduation?

That is not the primary focus of the program. As paid positions open up, we are always looking for great people to join the team. Being in the program can position you well for certain roles, but there is no guarantee.

Should I apply if I don't live in Greater Vancouver?

Yes! We currently do not have a billeting program to offer out-of-town students, but if we feel that you are a good fit for the program, we like to have a conversation in thinking through creative solutions.

COST

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Costs Tuition and Books	**$5000**
Short Term Mission Trip	**$2500-3000**

Non-refundable $500 deposit due July 30th

PAYMENT OPTIONS

TUITION

- **Full payment of $5000**
  due on September 5th

  or

  Two payments of $2500
  (one due on September 5th and one due on December 5th)

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP

- **Full payment due on March 1st**

  or

  3 monthly payments from January to March

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