

2008-2009 Catalog

Ministry Training Institute

A Ministry of the Association Free Lutheran Bible School



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Third-Year Bible School Training Format

Fall Semester: Classes on AFLBS campus

Monday nights: St Paul's Lutheran, Minneapolis

January Term: Classes at AFLBS campus

Spring Semester: February through April: Practical Field Study.

May Term: Classes on AFLBS campus

Purposes

1. To train believers for the mission of furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ by serving in free and living congregations or as a missionary in another culture or place.
2. To equip Christians to serve and love the people to whom God sends them.
3. To teach sacrifice and service in the context of a practical work experience on location.
4. To experience the dynamic process of mentorship under experienced trained leaders.

Goal

To be a Biblical training center for the fulfillment of the great commission as given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore into all the world..."

Admission Requirements

1. Testimony of personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.
 2. Demonstrated maturity and stability as a disciple of Christ.
 3. Servant's heart with a passion for Jesus, and a compassion to reach souls with the Gospel.
 4. Humble willingness to be disciplined by a mentor in their field of service.
 5. Two-year diploma from AFLBS or its equivalent.
 6. Completed application.
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Student Costs

Full-Time Tuition	\$4,200/year
Part-Time Tuition	\$175/credit
Room and Board	\$1950/Fall semester \$130/week on campus Spring semester
Room & Key Deposit for student residents	\$130
Fall Student body fee	\$135
Insurance	\$60
Approximate school costs for the year	\$7255.00

Approximate costs during field study (Costs may vary for each student)

Suggested funds to raise for personal expenses	\$500/month
Approximate travel costs	\$1,250

- MTI staff will provide training to help students raise costs for field experience
- Mission Aviation Training: Flight training costs are extra



Schedule 2008-2009

August 31	Residence Halls open
September 1-2	Orientation
September 3	Classes Begin
September 24	Urban Ministry classes begin
October 17-19	Campus Days
November 27-30	Thanksgiving Break
December 12-14	Parents Weekend
December 13,14	Christmas Concerts
December 17-19	Final Exams
Dec 20 - Jan 4	Christmas Break
January 5-22	January Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Warfare/Gifts • Biblical Elective • Missions III
January 25-29	Mission Conference, 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Required)
January 22 or 23	Final Exams, January Term
January 31	Practical Field Study
May	May Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dynamics of Ministry (2 credits)
May 14	Final Exam, May Term
May 16	Graduation

Schedule Subject To Change



Course Objectives

Mission/Cross-Cultural Training

- A. To provide a biblical basis for a cross-cultural ministry.
- B. To give opportunity for a cross-cultural internship experience so students can consider God's call for their lives.
- C. To prepare prospective missionary candidates for cross-cultural ministry.

D. Courses:

HM 301: Introduction to Cross-Cultural Ministry

HM 302: Dynamics of Cross-Cultural Ministry

HM 305: School of Urban Ministry

HM 321: Missions III

HM 322, 315: Introduction to Ministry

BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective

PS 301, 303, 304: Language Acquisition Skills/Language Study

PS 305: Practical Field Study–Cross Cultural

PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth

PS 320: Mentorship II

PS 311: Physical and Survival Training

Youth Ministry Training

- A. To study the ministry of Christ applying it to the context of contemporary ministry.
- B. To observe and participate in youth programs in the context of local congregations.
- C. To prepare students to enter into a youth ministry on a local or para-church level.

D. Courses:

HM 305: School of Urban Ministry

HM 322, 315: Introduction to Ministry

BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective

Course Objectives

PS 305: Practical Field Study–Youth Ministry

PS 306: Introduction to Youth Ministry

PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth

PS 311: Physical and Survival Training

PS 320: Mentorship II

PS 377: Advanced One/Training Observation and Harmony of the Gospels

PS 378: Advanced Two

Mission Aviation Ministry Training

- A. To provide an overview of mission aviation from its beginning to the present time.
- B. To introduce the student to the world of flight.
- C. To help students determine whether mission aviation is God's plan for his/her future.
- D. To orient the student to career options and opportunities in mission aviation.
- E. To provide initial training for mission aviation at various levels in a non-complex environment during the fall semester.
- F. To complete the training requirements for a private pilot's certificate.
- G. Courses:

HM 305: School of Urban Ministry

HM 322, 315: Introduction to Ministry

BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective

PS 308: Ground School Training

PS 309: Flight School Training

PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth

PS 320: Mentorship II

PS 311: Physical and Survival Training

Class Schedules

Fall Semester

Courses pertaining to your emphasis	6 credits
Introduction to Ministry	5 credits
Mentorship I: Personal Growth	2 credits
School of Urban Ministry	3 credits
Biblical Elective (Required)	2 credits
Physical Training Elective	2 credits

January Term

Missions III (Required)	1 credit
Biblical Elective	1 credit
Spiritual Warfare/Gifts (Required)	1 credit

Spring Semester

Practical Field Study	12 credits
Mentorship II	4 credits

May Term

Dynamics of Ministry	2 credits
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Total Required to Graduate *36 credits*

Daily Schedule

7:45 a.m.	Morning Devotions
8-8:50 a.m.	First Hour Class
9-9:50 a.m.	Second Hour Class
10:10-11 a.m.	Third Hour Class
11:10-Noon	Fourth Hour Class/ Tuesdays & Thursdays – Chapel

Monday Evenings

6:30-9:30 p.m. School of Urban Ministry at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Course Descriptions

MTI HM 301 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Ministry

An introductory study of Christian ministry in another culture. Students will explore methods of sharing the Gospel in a cross-cultural context, specifically methods for church planting, ministry opportunities, and discipleship training from a Biblical perspective. Students will also study language barriers, involvement with and support of missionaries and churches in the ministry of the Gospel, aspects of spiritual warfare and intercessory prayer, principles of discipleship and other practical preparations of sharing the Gospel cross-culturally. 4 credits

MTI HM 302 Dynamics of Cross-Cultural Ministry

Students will explore the dynamics of evangelistic methods where language is a barrier, how to become involved and support the missionaries and church in the ministry of the Gospel, gain an understanding of the aspects of spiritual warfare and intercessory prayer, principles of discipleship in a cross-cultural setting and other practical preparations of sharing the Gospel cross-culturally. 3 credits.

MTI HM 303 Dynamics of Ministry

Students will explore the hardships, rewards and spiritual dynamics involved in ministry, and learn essentials of follow-up and soul care following their practical field experience. 2 credits

MTI HM 305 School of Urban Ministry

This course introduces students to an understanding of the modern city and how the Church relates to urban centers. Students will explore the new reality of global urbanization, mass migration, and the ethnic religious diversity of cities today. Students are introduced to the concepts of culture, value systems and worldview as they relate to cross-cultural ministry in the city. 3 credits

MTI HM 312 Introduction to Ministry

Students will explore the dynamics of the call to ministry, preparation and sacrifices required for full-time service, and ministry methods and approaches that come from Scripture itself. A core aspect of the course is focused on youth work and congregational ministry. Students will study the foundations of Christ's approach to ministry as well as truths found in Paul's Pastoral Letters. Spiritual giftedness will be explored, as well as the theology of building free and living congregations. Key components of the course also include how to make disciples through Great Commandment Love and Great Commission Living. The course can also include a weekend SonLife seminar in October or November. 5 credits

MTI HM 321 Missions III

In this course the students are presented with challenges and opportunities available on the mission field. Special focus is given to the experiences and struggles of contemporary missionaries in AFLC and other national missions ministries. 1 credit

MTI BS 300 Biblical Elective

Students will learn Biblical perspectives for missions from historical, poetical, prophetic or pastoral letters of the Bible. Assignments will be geared to the dynamics of ministry as taught in the books studied. 1 credit

MTI BS 310 Biblical Elective

Students will learn Biblical perspectives for missions from historical, poetical, prophetic or pastoral letters of the Bible. Assignments will be geared to the dynamics of ministry as taught in the books studied. 2 credits

MTI BS 301 Introduction to Inductive Bible Study

The student will, by learning to use the system of observation, question, investigation, research and interpretation, develop skills in Bible study and message preparation. These skills will be put to use in the context of a congregational placement and during their Practical Field Study. 2 credits

MTI BT 251 Christian Growth

The aim of this course is to encourage the student to draw near to the Lord and, through obedience to the Word, become a vessel fit for the Master's use. 1 credit

MTI PS 302 Discovering and Using Spiritual Gifts

Students will study and apply Biblical teaching on Spiritual Giftedness and God's design for a life of Christian ministry. 1 credit

MTI PS 301, 303 Language Acquisition Skills

The student will, through the presentation of the LEARN video series by Dr. Tom Brewster and class participation, be given a basis for language learning in a cross-cultural context.

1 or 2 credits

MTI PS 304 Language Study

Those students in the cross-cultural Practical Field Study assignment will study the language of the people of that country or people group according to the context of their placement. 3 credits

MTI PS 305 Practical Field Study –Cross Cultural

The student will be given the opportunity to live in a cross-cultural setting, working with and as part of a multi-cultural ministry team. This will be done by assigning the student specific duties according to his/her linguistical abilities for the purpose of working in partnership with the church and/or mission organization. 12 credits

MTI PS 305 Practical Field Study–Youth Ministry

The student will be given the opportunity to learn from practical ministry experiences under the supervision of an experienced youth worker. Students will apply the six foundational principles and the four strategies that Christ modeled in His life.

MTI PS 306 Introduction to Youth Ministry

This course emphasizes relational discipleship. We will look at the methods and philosophy of ministry that Jesus used. Specifically, this course will look at 4 strategies that Jesus used as he made disciples and his instructions for us to do the same. We will also look at six foundational elements of his ministry and how Jesus' love for God and love for people molded everything He did. (2 credits)

MTI PS 308 Ground School

Students will be introduced to the world of mission aviation by being given an overview of mission aviation and introductory flight and ground training. Career options and opportunities in mission aviation will also be covered. Students will take the FAA written examination for a private pilot's certificate at the end of the fall semester. 3 credits

MTI PS 309 Flight School Training

Flight training for the completion of a private pilot certificate will continue during the Spring Semester Field Study at Mission Aviation Training Academy at Arlington, Washington. At the conclusion of the course, the student will take the FAA flight test for the private pilot certificate. 12 credits

MTI PS 310 Mentorship I: Personal Growth

Students will be placed under veteran ministry workers who will guide students through aspects of character growth, spiritual understanding and a ministry outlook. Accountability, encouragement and prayer make up the greater part of the study. Credit is also earned in required attendance and journaling through Tuesday and Thursday chapel services.

2 credits

MTI PS 320 Mentorship II

Students will be placed under the mentorship of and be responsible to an expatriate missionary or local indigenous Christian leader. Youth Track students will work under a pastor/youth worker in the context of a local youth ministry. Mission Aviation Track students will be assigned to a pastor or evangelist to be involved in a local congregation and/or evangelism outreach. Each student will be evaluated on his/her ability to follow directions and accept and carry out assignments as well as his/her attitude towards leadership. 4 credits

MTI PS 311 Physical and Survival Training

The students will experience a rigorous physical regimen that prepares the student for the hardships of mission work. Trainees will gather as a team for a 60-minute workout four days a week, either in assigned morning workouts or in evening sessions at the convenience of the students. Students will report to the MTI director or to others assigned by the director. 2 credits

MTI PS 377 Advanced One/Training Observation and Harmony of the Gospels

This course is a deeper study of youth ministry methods. The primary focus is making disciples and it includes the following topics: the environment for growth, specific ministry mission and vision statements along with goals for the ministry, qualification for leadership and self assessment, the ministry team, and a description of a disciplined person. Each of these areas will be developed in class and through class assignments. Youth ministry observations are a critical part of understanding and applying the lessons learned. The course will also include an in-depth study of the Gospels with a special focus on how Jesus did ministry. Prerequisite: Introduction to Youth Ministry. (4 credits)

MTI PS 378 Advanced Two

This course will build on the training from Advanced One and will expand into the leadership and ministry team development. This course also further trains in the process of discipling a person to maturity in Christ. (2 credits)



Preliminary Application

If you are interested in applying for the Ministry Training Institute, please fill out the following preliminary application and mail it to the address below:

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Plymouth, MN 55441-3008**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bible school graduation year: _____

When do you plan to enroll in MTI? _____

Which program are you interested in?

- Cross-Cultural Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Mission Aviation Ministry



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