

# 2011-2012 Catalog



## Ministry Training Institute

Teaching the Word. Training Servants. Transforming Lives.



A Ministry of the Association Free Lutheran Bible School

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# **WELCOME!**

*We appreciate your interest in the Ministry Training Institute (MTI) of the Association Free Lutheran Bible School!*

*Since 2000, the Ministry Training Institute has been training students in:*

- *Cross-Cultural Ministry,*
- *Youth Ministry and*
- *Mission Aviation Ministry.*

*God has used this ministry to train many workers, many of whom are serving full-time today in Cross-Cultural and Youth Ministry in various parts of the world.*

*The Ministry Training Institute is designed for those who have a strong Biblical knowledge. This would include those who have either graduated from two years at AFLBS or have gone through equivalent Bible studies at another school.*

*The majority of the course work for each area of the ministry takes place on campus during the fall semester and January term. The spring semester is devoted to an internship and further mentorship in the chosen area of ministry. The last two weeks of the spring semester are on campus with debriefing and the "Dynamics of Ministry" course.*

*If God is calling you to further prepare for one of these aspects of ministry, we encourage you to prayerfully consider investing a year at the Ministry Training Institute! It will be a great investment for the rest of your life! Please let us know if we can be of further help in answering any questions!*

*Warmly in Christ,*



**Rev. Joel C. Rolf**  
**AFLBS Dean**

# **Ministry Training Institute**

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## **Discipling/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.

## Ministry Training Institute

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### Student Costs

Full-Time Tuition	\$4,600/year
Part-Time Tuition	\$190/credit
Room and Board (based on a 2-person room)	\$2000/Fall semester \$135/week on campus Spring semester
Room & Key Deposit for student residents	\$130
Fall Student body fee	\$135
Insurance	\$60
<b>Approximate school costs for the year</b>	<b>\$7800.00</b>

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

Suggested funds to raise for personal expenses (\$20 per day to cover your stay with the host family)	\$600/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 2011-2012

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September 4	Residence Halls open
September 5, 6	Orientation
September 7	Classes Begin
September 18	Urban Ministry Classes Begin
October 17	Mid-semester Break
October 21-23	Campus Days
November 11	J-Term Registration
November 24-27	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	Spring Semester Registration
December 9-11	Parents Weekend
December 10, 11	Christmas Concerts
December 14-16	Final Exams
Dec 17 - Jan 2	Christmas Break
January 3-20	January Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spiritual Warfare/Gifts</li> <li>• Biblical Worldview</li> <li>• Missions III</li> </ul>
January 20	Final Exams, January Term
January 22-26	Mission Conference, 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Required)
<b>February 1-April 30</b>	<b>Practical Field Study</b>
May 7-17	May Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dynamics of Ministry (2 credits)</li> </ul>
May 17	Final Exam, May Term
May 19	Graduation

*Schedule Subject to Change*

## Course Objectives

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### 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 303: Dynamics of Ministry**

**HM 305: School of Urban Ministry**

**HM 321: Missions III**

**HM 312: Introduction to Ministry**

**BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective**

**PS 304: Language Acquisition Skills/Language Study**

**PS 305: Practical Field Study–Cross Cultural**

**PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth**

**PS 320: Mentorship II**

### 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 303 Dynamics of Ministry**

**HM 305: School of Urban Ministry**

**HM 312: Introduction to Ministry**

**BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective**

## Course Objectives

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**PS 315: Practical Field Study–Youth Ministry**

**PS 306: Introduction to Youth Ministry**

**PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth**

**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 pilot training.
- 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. Courses:

**HM 303: Dynamics of Ministry**

**HM 305: School of Urban Ministry**

**HM 312: Introduction to Ministry**

**BS 300 or 310: Bible Elective**

**PS 321: Introduction to Mission Aviation and Missionary Pilot Training**

**PS 325: Practical Field Study–Mission Aviation**

**PS 310: Mentorship I: Personal Growth**

**PS 320: Mentorship II**

## Class Schedules

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### 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

### January Term

Missions III (Required)	1 credit
Biblical Worldview (Elective)	2 credits
Biblical Counseling (Elective)	2 credits

### Spring Semester

Spiritual Warfare/Gifts (Required ~ Jan. 24-28)	1 credit
Practical Field Study (Feb. 1 - May 1)	12 credits
Mentorship II (Feb. 2 - May 1)	4 credits

### May Term (on campus)

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

### Daily Schedule

7:45 am	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—Fall

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

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## Course Descriptions

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### **MTI HM 301 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Ministry (Fall)**

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 (Elective)**

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 (Spring)**

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 (Fall)**

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 (Fall)**

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. 5 credits

### **MTI HM 321 Missions I (January)**

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

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**MTI HM 322 Missions II (January)**

Students will study selected missionary biographies which will challenge students and give a greater appreciation of the cost as well as the tremendous blessing of serving Christ through missions. Exploration will be made into the dedication and perseverance required as well as the potential for sacrifice, persecution and even martyrdom. 1 credit

**MTI HM 323 Missions III (January)**

Students will study a perspective of methods for the 21st century including exploitation of the “10-40 window” and mission strategies to reach various people groups with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 1 credit

**MTI BS 300 Biblical Elective (Fall)**

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 (Fall)**

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 (Elective)**

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 (Elective)**

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 (January)**

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

**MTI PS 303 Language Acquisition Skills (Elective)**

The student will learn the first level of a language using the Rosetta Stone curriculum and class participation. Those students who already have some training in a language will be challenged to a new level of proficiency. 2 credits

**MTI PS 304 Language Study (Fall)**

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. This includes a weekly practicum using the language. 3 credits

**MTI PS 330 Practical Field Study –Cross Cultural (Spring)**

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 linguistic abilities for the purpose of working in partnership with the church and/or mission organization. 12 credits

**MTI PS 306 Introduction to Youth Ministry (Fall)**

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 331 Practical Field Study–Youth Ministry (Spring)**

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. 12 credits

**MTI PS 310 Mentorship I: Personal Growth (Fall)**

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 311 Physical and Survival Training (Fall Elective)**

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 320 Mentorship II (Spring)**

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 321 Introduction to Mission Aviation and Missionary Pilot Training (Fall)**

Through a survey of mission aviation organizations, the student will be introduced to the world of mission aviation. In addition, the student will receive an introduction to flight and ground training involving both classroom work as well as hands-on experience. Some opportunity for independent study will also be involved in the course. 4 credits

**MTI PS 325 Practical Field Study—Mission Aviation (Spring)**

The student will experience the work of mission aviation firsthand by working closely with a missionary pilot currently serving on the mission field. Some ministry and flight training experience will be received while traveling with the missionary pilot. The student will also receive some hands-on experience by assisting an aircraft mechanic with the maintenance of mission planes. 12 credits

**MTI PS 350 Biblical Counseling (January Elective)**

The purpose of this class is to gain a Biblical understanding of the family. Specific goals include: a renewed sense of appreciation by each student of his or her own family of origin; and introduction to some of the more important issues and theories regarding family life; and, finally, how each student can become a more informed and effective member of the congregation by understanding people and their needs. 2 credits

**MTI PS 359 Biblical Worldview (January Elective)**

Using the Bible and “The Truth Project” curriculum, students will receive a systemic and comprehensive Biblical worldview study that looks at all of life. Students will be equipped to make a Christ-Centered difference by applying God’s Word and principles to daily life. 2 credits

**MTI PS 377 Advanced One/Training Observation and Harmony of the Gospels (Fall)**

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 (Fall)**

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: Or you may print application materials off the website at [www.aflbs.org](http://www.aflbs.org) and go to this link: <http://www.aflbs.org/future-students/ministry-training-institute-mti/admissions>

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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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