



DISCOVERY COLLEGE

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP PRACTICUM

About

The vision of leading a local church lives in the heart of many men and women who hear God's unmistakable call. The Pastoral Leadership Practicum is designed to train students who want to lead and pastor.

- Learn to launch and lead new church campuses.
- Learn to build up staff and volunteer leaders within a church environment.
- Learn to pastor members of a church community.
- Learn to plan and preach a compelling and life-giving message.
- Learn to lead and value team members, celebrating the skills they each bring.

Practicum Courses

1st Semester

Introduction to Communication
Personal Development
Creating Culture

Courses Outcome:

- Identify spiritual gifts, DISC profile, and unique personality type for their application into a ministry setting and continual personal development.
- Demonstrate an understanding and application of church culture by exemplifying love for God, love for people, the pursuit of excellence, and choosing joy.
- Demonstrate a foundational understanding of fundamental principles for building teams, equipping leaders in the local church, and communicating professionally in a ministry setting.
- Assimilate into the local church community through attending and serving Discovery Track, Small Groups, and identifying a Discovery Staff member or Small Group leader as a personal mentor.

2nd Semester

Communication Preparation
Leading Teams & Services
Church Systems

Courses Outcome:

- Apply best practices for training Small Group leaders through attending Small Group leadership training and leading or co-leading a Small Group.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Discovery Track purpose and practices through serving and leading Discovery Track.
- Demonstrate an understanding of church systems such as Discovery Track, Small Groups, Dream Team, and how they apply to different church settings.
- Demonstrate a growing knowledge of key principles for building teams, equipping leaders in the local church, and communicating professionally in a ministry setting.

3rd Semester

Communicating in Services
Church Administration
Introduction to Pastoral Care
& Counseling

Courses Outcome:

- Apply best practices for training and recruiting Small Group leaders by leading a Small Group as well as recruiting and training a co-leader for a Small Group.
- Apply learned leadership skills by leading a Dream Team.
- Demonstrate an understanding and integration of technology, data, and administrative skills used in normal church operations.
- Demonstrate an advanced understanding of key principles for building teams, equipping leaders in the local church, and communicating professionally in a ministry setting.

4th Semester

Advanced Communication
Personal & Church Finances
Practical Ministry &
Cultural Engagement

Courses Outcome:

- Apply best practices for recruiting, training, and equipping leaders through becoming a Small Group coach and replacing one's position as a Dream Team leader, and begin Coaching a Dream Team
- Describe personal gifts, vision, calling, and purpose and its application to various ministry settings and cultures.
- Demonstrate mastery of key principles for building teams, equipping leaders in the local church, and communicating professionally in a ministry setting.
- Integrate cumulative teaching and training into practical ministry experiences and cultural engagement.