



DISCOVERY COLLEGE

YOUTH PRACTICUM

Vision

Youth groups and college ministries are more important than ever, helping tweens, teens, and young adults navigate the complexities of being a youth today.

- Learn to develop and deliver meaningful and effective evangelism to middle school, high school, and college-aged students.
- Learn to coordinate events designed to engage students in age-appropriate ways.
- Learn to give pastoral care to young people both individually and through small groups.
- Learn to lead and value team members and celebrate the skills they each bring.

Practicum Courses

1st Semester

Communication 101
Youth Ministry Model
Personal Development
Leadership Development

Courses Outcome:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of communication principles in a ministry setting by creating and presenting a five-minute ministry moment.
- Recognize the vision and processes of student ministry as practiced by Discovery Church.
- Understand foundational principles of personal leadership through studying Biblical spirituality and responsibility in ministry by building a personal growth plan for the student's time while at Discovery College.
- Identify foundational concepts involved in building and leading teams in student ministry.

2nd Semester

Communication 201
Relevant Doubts
Creating Services
Pastoral Care

Courses Outcome:

- Demonstrate a growing understanding of communication principles and their historical use in a ministry setting by creating and presenting a ten-minute message for students.
- Define relevant doubts of the Christian faith typically expressed by students through understanding current issues and offering Biblical response to common questions.
- Create and execute a mock student service through studying the various features of modern church services such as curriculum, service flow, and visual elements.
- Obtain basic knowledge of pastoral care practices and systems used in student ministry.

3rd Semester

Communication 301
Biblical Beginnings in Leadership
– Joshua
Common Leadership Weaknesses
Current Issues in Student Ministry

Courses Outcome:

- Demonstrate knowledge of communication principles in a service setting by creating and presenting a fifteen-minute message to a student small group.
- Understand fundamental leadership principles found within the book of Joshua and how they apply to student ministry.
- Describe common hindrances to successful leadership in ministry and understand ways to overcome them.
- Identify current issues faced by those in student ministry and how to address them from a Biblical perspective.

4th Semester

Communication 401
How to Build a Student Ministry
Personal Growth 201
Engaging Culture

Courses Outcome:

- Demonstrate mastery of communication principles in a Sunday service setting by creating and presenting a twenty-minute message to the church staff.
- Understand the broad areas covered in student ministry and the tools needed to start one from nothing.
- Analyze advanced principles of Biblical spirituality and responsibility in ministry by implementing a growth plan for post Discovery College graduation.
- Create a personal and Biblical stance on current social issues facing Generation Z to prepare for student ministry.