

THE PROCESS OF MENTORED MINISTRY

Before beginning your *field work* with Mentored Ministry you must be sure to do the following:

A. Take the pre-requisite for Mentored Ministry:

You must enroll in the *MC501-Spiritual Formation for Ministry* course prior to or concurrent with your first field unit. (MAEM students may substitute this course with either EM500-Foundations of Educational Ministries or EM604-The Teacher and the Teaching Task.)

B. Take MM501 (or EM/MM501) - The MM Orientation Unit. This unit is strongly recommended to be taken the first semester on campus. This first unit is meant to give you time to find a home church/MM situation as well as prepare you philosophically and practically to do your MM field units. It consists of 7 lunch meetings during the semester. This course may be taken concurrently with your first field unit. Refer to the Meeting Schedule uploaded to your CAMS (in *course documents*) for meeting dates and times.

To Arrange for Your Mentored Ministry on the Field:

1. Site/Project Selection. A significant range of ministry experiences are acceptable to the MM Department—from your home church, to nearby congregations, to parachurch ministries, summer projects and overseas. Remember, however, that each unit must be at least 12 weeks long at a minimum of 10 hours per week, and your ministry role must *not* be primarily administrative. If you have questions about the acceptability of a given ministry situation or task we encourage you to contact the MM Office (mmassist@gordonconwell.edu).
2. Mentor Approval. Once you have selected your ministry situation make sure that your selected mentor is GCTS approved. Minimum requirements for mentors are **five years of full-time ministry experience** and attendance at our New Mentor Orientation. If your mentor has mentored GCTS students before, it's likely that they are already on our list, so check with the MM Office to find out for sure. If they are not, have them use the [Application to Mentor](#) to apply. The MM Office will work with them to arrange for their subsequent training and orientation.
3. Register for MM. Register for Mentored Ministry at the same time and way you register for your other courses. New students register at the Registration Fair at the beginning of the semester. All subsequent registration for MM units is able to be done online. *Please don't forget to register for each unit!*
4. Do your Mentored Ministry! Remember that there is a Learning Covenant (or update) due at the beginning of each term and a Progress Report or Final Evaluation due at the end. Refer to and follow the assignment due date schedule under *course documents* for your MM unit in CAMS.

Normal start-up times for MM are Fall (Sept.-Dec.), Spring (Jan.-April) and Summer (May/June-August). Any off-schedule Mentored Ministry is by permission only.