

A Suggested Rotation for MM & Topics for Mentoring Sessions

The following are various "experience" components distributed over a six unit/semester period of Mentored Ministry for someone with little or no previous ministry experience and working entirely in a church setting at 10 hours per week (one unit per term).

This rotation serves as an example, not a requirement. Remember that students may do more than one unit at a time (e.g. 2 units @ 20 hrs./wk.) as well as do Mentored Ministry in the summertime.

Unit 1, MM501 - Orientation Unit

This introductory unit consists of five lunch meetings over the course of most students' first semester, where both philosophical and practical preparations for Mentored Ministry experience are discussed:

- Finding a local home church
- Ministry character assessment profile
- Reflection on issues related to mentoring and being mentored
- Consideration and selection of future Mentored Ministry site(s)

Unit 2, MM502 - First Field Unit

[Note: The pre or co-requisite is Spiritual Formation for Ministry-MC501]

In addition to any primary responsibilities you may have in your ministry (e.g. youth ministry, music) some of the following are opportunities or experiences which would be helpful for you to participate in, develop or observe:

- Developing personal spiritual disciplines.
- Personal concerns, time management, maintaining daily schedule
- Plan and organize a worship service
- Public reading of scriptures
- Leading in public prayer
- Assist in administration of sacraments-ordinances
- Pastoral visitation to homes, hospitals, nursing homes
- Provide pastoral ministry to specialized groups: seniors, single persons, prisoners, etc.

Unit 3, MM601 -

- Discuss issues involving a sense of call and the determination of gifts
- Teach a Sunday School class
- Assist Christian Education Director in planning programs
- Develop a leadership training program for particular group
- Lead a Bible study.

Unit 4, MM602 -

- Teach a class in personal evangelism

- Design a discipleship program for new converts
- Work with a group of leaders to develop a program emphasis in world missions or evangelism for the unique needs of the congregation.

Unit 5, MM701 -

- Prepare for and/or assist at a wedding or funeral.
- Observe and/or conduct pre-marital counseling.
- Identify strategies through which the congregation can more effectively reach the community. Design outreach ministries to accomplish these goals.

Unit 6, MM702 -

- Prepare and preach sermons—demonstrate exegetical skills and capacity for application
- Demonstrate skill in various sermon styles, e.g., expository topical, etc.,
- Attend regular board and committee meetings of the congregation and review observations with mentor.

It is important that each student have as wide a range of experiences as possible either within their church and/or through involvement with other ministries. Therefore, experience rotations should be planned to take advantage of the strengths of both the student and the ministry site.