

STUDENT MINISTRIES PROGRAM: STUDENT GUIDE

Introduction

The basic objective of the Bay Cities Bible College is to train men and women for a life of fruitful ministry service. There must be some type of practical training program in real and actual life situations where the “nitty-gritty” can teach the student things a textbook never can. The student’s study of truth and the integration of that truth in life must go hand in hand. In fact, the teaching process is incomplete without practical experience.

Jesus actually sent His disciples out into “the field” to do ministry as a significant and important part of their training (Matthew 10:10-22:1; Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6). In the same manner, our school seeks to provide for our students’ experience in actually doing some supervised ministry service.

Ministry service is the focus of Student Ministries. It is something with done with others in mind, something for their benefit. Ministry service is other oriented, not self-oriented. Ultimately, our desire is to see the student develop a “ministry service mentality” that will permeate and affect the student’s whole lifestyle, now and after their studies at Bay Cities Bible College!

Purpose

For the student to perform regular weekly ministry service experiences that involve direct contact with people with the goal of achieving a spiritual ministry, while being supervised personally and directly by either their local church pastors or leaders. (Students who wish to get students ministry credit in Para-church ministry must get written permission from their local church pastor.)

Ministry comes in all shapes and sizes. Therefore, we need to specify some parameters or guidelines, which will determine a certain kind or type of ministry experience necessary to meet the goals and mission of our school. Ultimately, Bay Cities Bible College student ministries program should be for spiritual impact and personal ministry skills development.

1. **Direct People Ministry:** Teaching, leading, instructing, preaching, discipleship, counseling, etc.
2. **Administrative or Leadership Ministry:** Leading a youth ministry, leading a Bible study group, cell group ministry, worship leader, choir director, Children’s church coordinator, Sunday school superintendent, ministry intern, etc.

3. **Service to People Ministry:** Ministries that involve physical, medical or social service must be used as a door to relational contact which leads to more direct spiritual impute and impact in order to qualify for student ministry credit. Ministry credit is given for the follow-up spiritual ministry, not just the service itself.
4. **Special Skills in Ministry:** Writing, editing, journalism, broadcasting, production, various forms of musical training, technical aspects or support for ministry, etc.

Credit:

Note: All ministries must have the Director of Student Ministries approval to qualify for ministry credit.

When one quarter of ministry is satisfactorily completed, the student receives one non-academic (Pass/Fail) student ministry credit. Students graduating from Bay Cities Bible College with a Bachelor of Arts degree must successfully complete one student ministry credit for every 15 academic credits taken at Bay Cities Bible College, up to 6 student ministry credits.

Our expectation is that the student will faithfully complete a weekly ministry of at least 30 hours of involvement (3 hours each week for 10 weeks) in the eleven-week quarter. We expect the student to invest an average of 3 to 6 hours a week in Christian ministry service. (This includes time for preparation, transportation, execution of ministry and follow-up)

Requirements:

1. Enlist/re-enlist a supervising pastor/leader who will mentor you in ministry and provide him/her a copy of the "*Student Ministries Program: Supervisor's Guide.*"
2. Each student is required to complete the ID and "Goals" section of the "*Student's Growth Goals/Assessment*" form at the beginning of the quarter. A copy of this form is to be submitted to the Director of Student Ministries at the end of the **second** week. The "Assessment" section of this form should be completed by the supervising pastor/leader by the end of the quarter.
3. Each student is required to complete and submit the "*Student's Quarterly Ministry Evaluation*" form by the end of the quarter.