

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

INTRODUCTION

You are about to become involved in what we trust will be a very meaningful program of some type of church internship activity.

This Practicum is designed to give students meaningful academic and practical experience in church work at the local, district, and general church levels.

Your work will be supervised by the pastor or staff person as well as by the Ministry Experience Instructor at the university. In addition, you will make a number of self-reports.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete a total of 120 clock hours of internship work for three hours of academic credit.
2. Maintain a daily Dairy/Log. Secure a notebook in which you will keep accurate record of all related work during each day, with the actual time expended on each task. (You may count all preparation time for each activity.) At the end of each day, you are to record a short reaction the day's activities defining weak and strong areas, general reactions to the work of the day, and theological reflections that illustrate you understand the reasons behind ministry. This Dairy/Log is a vital part of your ministry and is absolutely required for you to receive academic credit.
3. Complete three Progress Reports (provided) and return them to the Ministry Experience Instructor at the university at the end of week one, week three, and week five.
4. Since this is an academic program, you must be available for telephone contacts and personal supervisory contacts.
5. At the end of the semester, you are to complete and return the "Student Evaluation Form" (to be given to you later).

At the churches:

1. Be sure you get a written job description from your supervisor at the church. This is very important to define your areas of responsibility and authority.
2. Always observe Christian attitudes toward your supervisor, other staff members, and persons in the congregation.
3. Be a leader -- get others to help you.
4. Be flexible and make the most of your situation.
5. Be careful about complaining and other negative attitudes.
6. Remember this is a new experience for most pastors.
7. Remember you are a representative of Southern Nazarene University. Inspire other young people to want to come here.
8. PRAY A LOT!!!