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## WELCOME TO REACH: A COLLEGE FOR MINISTRY

To Students and Partners in Ministry,

Reach College endeavors to provide an environment where you will receive academically engaging courses, leadership training, and hands-on ministry opportunities. You have been uniquely called and gifted by God to influence your world for the glory of God and his kingdom. Effective ministry always flows from a healthy, vibrant relationship with God, and the Bible makes clear that authentic worship involves the heart, soul, and mind. If your passion is to commit your mind and heart to God, you will benefit from this journey.

Christianity is not simply part of life; it is life. Every follower of Christ has the privilege of being empowered by the Spirit to influence others. Ministry happens everywhere - with family and friends, during leisure activities, at school, and with our colleagues. In these environments that we live out the command of Jesus to "go into the world and make disciples." Do not view Reach College as your next step to a position with a church or missions organization. Rather, view Reach College as an opportunity to grow spiritually and to be better equipped to live out the Great Commission wherever God leads you.

Ministry is not a vocation; it is a calling. You will discover that Reach College incorporates this conviction into the fabric of our approach to discipleship. Instructors and advisors have invaluable experience, both in vocational ministry and as professionals in various career paths. Why is this important? You will gain insight into Biblically-rooted leadership principles that are effective for ministry in numerous environments. We encourage you to be inquisitive, to ask practical questions, and to share your insights with others.

As with all endeavors, input determines output. The more invested you are in growing with Christ and grasping the content, the more you will benefit. Put your relationship with Christ first. Maintain a daily routine of communion with God through prayer and time in the Bible. Approach the coursework with an eagerness to learn and a firm commitment to search the Scriptures. Do not seek only to receive, but seek also to give. Share your insights. Share how the Spirit of God is encouraging you. You will be blessed and you will be a vessel that God uses to refresh others as well. Let's press into all that God has planned for us this season of life!

Serving Christ Together,



Adam Parsons  
Reach College Overseer

## VISION AND UNIQUE APPROACH

### Vision

We endeavor to help Christians of all ages to experience life with God in ever-increasing depths, and to fulfill their God-given purpose.

When pressed to identify the greatest commandment, Jesus replied with this statement: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40). Love is the supreme ethic, and it is impossible to fulfill the vision of Reach College apart from actively loving God and loving others.

### Core Values

**Love God:** We have the responsibility and privilege to love God with all of our heart, soul, and mind. As an act of love, we commit our whole being to understanding the word of God so that we can worship the God of the word.

- We celebrate academic excellence in theological, apologetic, and leadership studies.
- We prioritize prayer and personal reflection, committed to the conviction that good theology must influence the heart and soul.
- We believe that effective ministry is born out of a relationship with God that is active, and anchored in sound theology and faithful prayer.

**Love Others:** We believe that genuine love for God must manifest itself in loving others through forms of service, both in the church and in the broader community.

- We believe that discipleship requires academic excellence and hands-on experience. Therefore we expect every student to remain actively involved in ministry.
- We believe that every person is uniquely gifted and called by God. Therefore we seek to disciple each student according to their unique gifting and calling.

### Our Unique Approach

Reach College has a simple motto: *Learn it. Live it. Lead others in it.* Courses are uniquely structured to facilitate active discussion on how to apply theological learning in real world environments - including evangelism, defending the Christian faith, navigating ethical challenges, and more. Our Ministry Leadership Program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to shadow Christian leaders in ministry pursuits, and to help plan, facilitate, and lead in various ministry

## COMMITMENT TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Far more than an educational institution, Reach College is passionate about your success, not only as a student but also as a disciple of Jesus. Our prayer is for you to experience life with God in ever-increasing depths, and from that relationship, for your influence in ministry to increase in depth and breadth. Therefore, we are committed to facilitating an atmosphere and culture that will contribute to your spiritual success.

1. We will prioritize your spiritual growth in Christ.
  - Continual emphasis on prayer and personal Bible study.
  - Emphasis on the development of Christ-like character.
  - Advice on developing trust and transparency in relationships.
2. We will prioritize the authority of Scripture and its literal interpretation.
  - Give evidence for the reliability, inspiration, and inerrancy of Scripture.
  - Learn to understand the content, context, and meaning of Scripture.
  - Define a Biblical worldview and why it is superior to alternative worldviews.
3. We will prioritize a love for truth and of independent thought.
  - Understand why God has given his commands and instructions.
  - Learn how truth is objective, absolute, and leads to real freedom.
  - Develop a Biblical framework to foster the exchange of thoughtful insights.
4. We will prioritize the discovery and development of your spiritual gifts.
  - Identify spiritual gifts and their unique purpose in the kingdom of God.
  - Learn the Biblical guidelines for properly using spiritual gifts.
5. We will prioritize the development of practical life skills.
  - Leadership principles that are effective in personal and professional pursuits.
  - Practical insight on work/life and ministry/life balance.
  - Biblical and practical insight on cultivating Christ-centered relationships.
  - Insight on navigating difficulty and conflict with grace and truth.

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

The heart of Christianity is a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Through Scripture we discover who God is and how he wants us to worship him. Jesus declared: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24). He revealed to the crowds that, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32). In addition, he prayed to the Father, "Your word is truth" (John 17:7). Christianity is anchored to the truths of Scripture. These essential truths are captured in our Statement of Faith.

### The Bible

The Scriptures, fully contained in the Old and New Testaments, are the inspired, infallible word of God in their original autographs and remains the infallible standard for salvation, theology, morality, and Christian living. The Bible is the highest authority for the church. (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:23-25)

- We affirm a literal interpretation of Scripture, including the literal existence of Adam and Eve, a literal fall into sin in the Garden of Eden that has influenced the whole of human experience, and in the historicity of the whole of the Scriptures.
- We affirm that the meaning of Scripture is defined by the intent of the author, and we aim to communicate Scripture in a manner that is truthful, clear, and leads followers of Christ to greater spiritual maturity.

### The Trinity

There is one God who is the Creator and Sustainer of all created things. As God, he is distinct from creation, being eternal, infinite, immutable, sovereign, and infallible in all things. He is essentially love, holy, truth, life, and the source of morality. God is relational, a Trinity who is one in being and three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19-20; Hebrews 1:3)

- **God the Father** is immanently involved in creation, providentially accomplishing his plan. He hears and answers prayer, loves all people, desires for all people to be saved, and does save all who come to him through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **God the Son** is fully God, being co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit miraculously caused Mary to conceive, he added a human nature to his person without sacrificing his deity. He lived a sinless and miraculous life, fulfilled prophecy, and provided atonement for sin through his death by crucifixion. He was physically resurrected by the power of the Holy Spirit and has ascended to the right hand of God the Father in heaven. He is the head of his church, actively interceding for the church. He will physically return to this earth to rule as King from Israel.

- **God the Holy Spirit** is the third Person of the Trinity, being co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is the Author of Scripture, inspiring human agents to communicate the word of God. He is powerful and accomplishes the will of God in creation. He seals, indwells, sanctifies, teaches, empowers, and guides followers of Christ into all truth. He gifts each member of the church supernaturally as he wills.

## **Creation**

God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He created *ex nihilo* (out of nothing) by the word of his power and with specified complexity. By his creative design living things have the capacity to adapt and flourish. God exercises providential care for his creation, with Christ upholding creation by the word of his power. We reject the views of an eternal universe and naturalistic macroevolution as sufficient explanations for the existence and complexity observed in the universe. We affirm that creation includes spiritual beings and the physical universe, and that the purpose of creation is to glorify God. (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 6:25-33; Psalm 19:1; Colossians 1:16-17; Hebrews 1:3).

## **Humanity**

Every human is made in the image and likeness of God, having intellect, feelings, and free will. We are morally responsible for our actions and their consequences. In addition, since humans are communal, the actions of the individual affect the broader community. Adam and Eve chose to sin, and their free will decision affected the whole of humanity. All human descendants from Adam are born with a sin nature and are separated from fellowship with God. We are spiritually dead, incapable of earning salvation from sin.

## **Salvation**

Salvation is exclusively a work of God. He initiated its plan and accomplished salvation through the virgin birth of Jesus, his sinless life, substitutionary death and resurrection from the dead. Salvation is available to all people, and is the free gift of God apart from any human work, and is received by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ alone. The believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit, who works to transform the believer toward Christ-like character. This process of sanctification is lifelong. (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)

## **The Church**

The universal church is comprised of every person who has placed their faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for salvation. The church is a living spiritual body, and transcends all racial, ethnic, political, and geographical parameters. Christ is the head of his church and every born again person is a member of his church. Through the Spirit of God, every member of the church is equipped with gifts that are essential for the whole church to flourish and grow in spiritual maturity. While the gifts differ in function, every gift is equally necessary for the health of the universal church.

- Worship is vital for every Christian, and is both corporate and personal. We believe the worship of God should be spiritual. Therefore, we remain flexible and yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We believe the worship of God should be inspirational. Therefore, we give place to music in our worship. We believe worship of God should be intelligent. Therefore, our gatherings are designed with great emphasis on the word of God, that through Scripture we might learn how to worship God. We believe the worship of God should be fruitful. Therefore, we look for his love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have been worshiping God in spirit and truth.
- Jesus commands his church to observe two ordinances: baptism and communion. Water baptism is not necessary for salvation, nor does it remove sin. Rather, it is a personal, conscious decision for every believer who has received Jesus for salvation. Communion is a solemn, symbolic act for every Christian to acknowledge the broken body and the blood that Jesus shed for our salvation.

## **Angels and Demons**

Angels are literal, created spiritual beings, who have significant influence in human life. God created angels in perfection and with choice. Lucifer rebelled against God and led one third of the angels in revolt. Their consequence is eternal torment. Satan and demons are finite and have the capacity to negatively influence humans. Angels, in contrast, have the capacity to influence human beings toward righteousness. Both angels and humans will enjoy eternal life together, while demons are sentenced to an eternal torment.

## **Eschatology**

God is omniscient, sovereign, and providentially involved in the universe. Prophecy is the revelation of his plan and he will perfectly fulfill his prophetic word. In addition, prophecy is properly interpreted literally rather than allegorically.

- The nation of Israel and the church are distinct elect groups in Scripture. While all elect humans are saved through the efficacious work of Christ, a literal interpretation of prophecy understands that God is not finished with the nation of Israel. As such, we reject any form of replacement theology.
- The first coming of Christ was a display of perfect humility and sacrifice, in which he accomplished our salvation through his death and resurrection. His second coming is the event when he will return to this earth following the Great Tribulation, and will establish a literal millennial reign and will rule as King of kings from Jerusalem.
- There will be a literal, physical resurrection of every human being. The righteous will inherit eternal life in heaven, an experience of indescribable bliss and joy, while the unrighteous will incur conscious torment, along with Satan and his demons.



## **We Affirm**

- We affirm that every human is made in the image and likeness of God, and life begins at conception. From conception to death, every life is invaluable, worth protecting and celebrating. Physical or mental disabilities do not diminish the innate worth and identity of every human being.
- We affirm that God created humanity with only two genders: male and female. One's gender is identical to his/her genetic and biological composition, and is not defined by personal preference or social constructs. Rather, one's identity is defined by God and contentment is experienced in a relationship with God through faith in Jesus.
- We affirm that marriage is defined by God, in Scripture, as a lifelong union between one biological male and one biological female. Further, we affirm that sexual activity is a gift to be enjoyed exclusively between husband and wife. Any and all sexual activity outside the marriage covenant is sin and devalues the sacredness of one's sexuality.

## **We Reject**

- We reject any interpretation of Scripture or caricature of God that diminishes his love for the whole of humanity and of his desire for every person to receive salvation.
- We reject any philosophy or interpretation of Scripture that denies human free will, especially in relationship to humans having the free will to choose or reject salvation.
- We reject any theology that views faith as a force that can create one's own reality, or that God is subject to the will of man. To the contrary, we affirm that faith is trusting in God to perform his perfect will, including his performing of miracles, and that God responds to prayer when we pray according to his will.
- We reject any caricature of God that denies his perfect omniscience and sovereignty over creation. To the contrary, God is eternal, sovereign, and has perfect knowledge of all past, present, and future events. He acts providentially to accomplish his plan.

## **Unity and Love**

Christians are united in the essential truths of Scripture. These essential truths relate to the nature of God, the Person and work of Christ, and the doctrine of salvation. Within Christian thought are various views related to secondary doctrines. On these secondary doctrines we extend liberty while maintaining our unity in Christ.

In all areas of life, whether toward Christians or those who do not believe, we embrace the supremacy of love. Jesus is our exemplar and we are known as his disciples by our love.

## ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Reach College is for Christians of all ages who desire a deeper grasp of Biblical theology, have confidence in the evidence for Christianity, and gain hands-on ministry experience. Whether you are younger or more advanced in life, new to the faith or a mature follower, there are opportunities for spiritual growth. Discover which enrollment opportunity is right for your time allowance and spiritual growth objectives.

Reach College operates on an academic quarter schedule, with a total of 9 credit hours offered per quarter (or 3 courses), or 18 credit hours per semester. Courses are held in the evenings to accommodate a broader scope of individuals.

### Student Enrollment Opportunities

Student enrollment at Reach College offers an in-depth experience in spiritual growth, academic excellence and hands-on ministry training. A full suite of opportunities are available for all students, including interactive course lectures, in-depth class and online discussions, and various ministry training opportunities.

- **Full Time Enrollment:** Students enrolled full time at Reach College will complete 36 credit hours per academic year with the opportunity to benefit from a fully immersive experience in ministry practicums and community outreach. The full program at Reach College, including our practicum track, may be completed in as little as two years.
- **Part Time Enrollment:** Students enrolled part time at Reach College will have up to three years to complete all core courses, and an additional three years to complete the ministry practicum module. Ministry practicums will be tailored to accommodate the time allowances of individuals enrolled as part time students.

### Personal Enrichment (Audit)

We are passionate about every follower of Christ maturing in their faith, and part of that maturing involves the mind. We invite the general public to audit courses. Our Personal Enrichment (audit) option allows individuals to attend all course lectures (but excludes all discussion and practicum opportunities). Each course will consist of seven lectures, with each lecture lasting approximately 60-90 minutes. You will have access to a PDF of the course syllabus for your benefit.

In-person courses will have limited attendance in order to promote interaction, which limits the opportunity for auditors to attend lectures in person. There are no personal enrichment enrollment limits for individuals participating in lectures online.

Whether you choose to attend as a student or for personal enrichment, we are confident that your faith will be enriched. Thank you for your interest in Reach College!

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We are committed to providing a highly professional education experience while making Reach College financially accessible. Our costs reflect this commitment. We encourage a debt-free learning experience.

Scholarships will occasionally be made available through generous donations. These will be reserved for students who a) maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, average while enrolled, and b) demonstrate financial need. We cannot guarantee scholarship availability..

### Fee Structures for 2021/2022 Academic Year

Student Fees	Personal Enrichment
\$ 50 Application Fee (one time)	\$ 25 Administrative Fee (one time)
\$395 Tuition Per Course	\$100 Per Course (In-Person or Online)
\$ 30-75 in Books/Materials Per Course	<i>Books/Materials Optional</i>
<i>Full Tuition Due Prior to Start of Quarter</i>	<i>Audit Fee Due Prior to Start of Course</i>

### Late Payments and Refunds

1. **Students:** All balances must be paid in full prior to the start of the quarter. A grace period of two weeks will be extended for late payments. After the grace period, a late payment fee of \$50 will be applied to the balance per unpaid course.
  - 100% will be refunded for courses dropped during week 1 of the quarter.
  - 50% will be refunded for courses dropped during week 2 of the quarter.
  - No refund will be given following the second week for dropped courses.
  
2. **Personal Enrichment:** Balances must be paid in full prior to the start of the first class lecture. Admission will not be granted unless balance is paid in full.
  - \$ 75 refund will be given if course is dropped prior to the first class lecture.
  - No refund will be given following the first class lecture.

## **ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

Reach College exists to equip Christians of all ages to experience life with God, live out their God-given calling, and engage the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have the firm belief that every Christian has the privilege and responsibility of living for the glory of God until the moment we enter heaven. No person is too young or too old to mature in Christ, develop their spiritual gifts, and to influence others for Christ.

### **Student Application Requirements:**

Individuals interested in attending Reach College as students must meet the following requirements to be considered for admission:

1. Demonstration of an active relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Commitment to conduct that honors Christ and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit.
3. High School Diploma with minimum 2.5 GPA or Equivalent Education.
  - Incoming high school seniors may apply for admission. Please submit recent high school transcripts with admissions application.
  - Adults lacking a high school diploma or GED certificate may list work experience and be considered for admission.
4. Agreement with Reach College Statement of Faith.
  - If you have areas of disagreement with our statement of faith, please articulate your position, using the Bible, and we will evaluate your application.
5. Full completion of Reach College Application.
6. Authorization to conduct a background check (for applicants 18 years and older).
7. Agreement signature with our Reach College Code of Conduct.

### **Personal Enrichment Requirements**

1. Demonstration of an active relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Commitment to conduct that honors Christ and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit.
3. Authorization to conduct a background check (for applicants 18 years and older).

### **Technology Requirements**

All individuals involved in Reach College, either as a student or through our personal enrichment program, must provide their own functioning computer and have access to regular high speed internet.

### **Certificate Program of Theology Process (Apply at [thereachcollege.org](http://thereachcollege.org)):**

1. Complete online student application with \$50 application fee. Your application will include the submission of official high school/college transcripts, and the following:
  - One pastoral reference and two personal references.
  - 300-500 word essay outlining how you hope to grow spiritually at Reach College.
  - Commitment to serving with your local church a minimum of 8 hours/quarter.
2. Once we receive your completed application, with references and essay responses, we will schedule a student interview with you. The interview has three primary goals:
  - Understand your testimony and how Christ is working in your life presently.
  - Understand your calling/goals for ministry and how Reach College can help.
  - Respond to questions you may have about Reach College.
3. Our admissions team will evaluate your application, essay responses, and interview notes, and will notify you of your acceptance decision.

### **Certificate Program of Ministry Leadership Process (Apply at [thereachcollege.org](http://thereachcollege.org)):**

Acceptance into the Certificate Program of Theology does not guarantee participation in the the Certificate Program of Ministry Leadership. To be considered for the Leadership Program, students are expected to demonstrate faithfulness for ministry by:

1. Completing a minimum of 5 courses with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher.
2. Maintaining a minimum of 8 hours/quarter of active ministry with your local church.
3. Demonstrating the gifting, talent, and skills necessary to thrive in the practicum.
4. Scheduling an interview with the practicum overseer.

Our leadership team will evaluate your application for participation in the practicum and will respond to your request, starting in the third academic quarter.

### **Personal Enrichment (Audit) Option (Apply at [thereachcollege.org](http://thereachcollege.org)):**

Our personal enrichment (audit) option grants individuals access to course lectures in our Certificate of Theology Program. In-person attendance is limited and will be granted on a first come basis. The online audit option has no attendance limit. Follow these steps to register online for a course:

1. Complete personal enrichment application with \$25 administrative fee.
2. After we review your application, you may receive an invitation to enroll in courses.
3. Select your course(s) for personal enrichment. You will receive an invoice for the fee.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our motto at Reach College is *Learn it, Live it, Lead others in it*. We endeavor to equip Christians for ministry through two programs: 1) Certificate Program in Theology, and 2) Certificate Program in Ministry Leadership (which includes ministry practicums).

### Certificate Program in Theology (36 Credit Hours):

Quarter 1 (Aug-Oct 2021)	Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec 2021)
<p><b>OT205: Old Testament Survey 1</b> <i>(Online Only)</i></p> <p>Students will gain a comprehensive overview of the Old Testament (part 1), learning its main content, theological themes, and historical background. Students will watch overview teachings by Dr. Skip Heitzig and complete the companion workbook.</p>	<p><b>OT210: Old Testament Survey 2</b> <i>(Online Only)</i></p> <p>Students will gain a comprehensive overview of the Old Testament (part 2), learning its main content, theological themes, and historical background. Students will watch overview teachings by Dr. Skip Heitzig and complete the companion workbook.</p>
<p><b>TH210: Hermeneutics</b></p> <p>Students will learn the importance of an exegetical approach to Bible study, and will learn the art and science of Biblical interpretation. In addition, students will complete an application commentary on a portion of a Biblical book.</p>	<p><b>TH215: Christian Theology</b></p> <p>An introduction to systematic theology, students will understand the essential doctrines of Scripture and learn how to defend the doctrines through the use of Biblical passages and logical thought.</p>
<p><b>NT235: Gospel of John</b></p> <p>Students will experience an in-depth overview and expositional study of the Gospel of John, with a focus on its main themes of the incarnation of Christ and salvation, and a careful look at Johannine theology in general.</p>	<p><b>AP215: Christian Ethics</b></p> <p>An evaluation of the primary Christian approaches to ethics, with a focus on Biblical morality. Students will learn how to effectively and compassionately dialogue with individuals who hold to opposing ethical viewpoints.</p>

Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar 2022)	Quarter 4 (Mar-May 2022)
<p><b>NT205: New Testament Survey 1</b> <i>(Online Only)</i></p> <p>Students will gain a comprehensive overview of the New Testament (The Gospels &amp; Acts), learning its content, theological themes, and historical background. Students will watch overview teachings by Dr. Skip Heitzig and complete the companion workbook.</p>	<p><b>NT210: New Testament Survey 2</b> <i>(Online Only)</i></p> <p>Students will gain a comprehensive overview of the New Testament (The Epistles &amp; Revelation), learning its main content and core theological concepts. Students will watch overview teachings by Dr. Skip Heitzig and complete the companion workbook.</p>
<p><b>OT215: Genesis</b></p> <p>Students will experience an in-depth overview and expositional study of the book of Genesis, with a focus on its main themes, historicity, formation of Israel, and its introduction to the plan of salvation by grace through faith.</p>	<p><b>AP210: Introduction to Apologetics</b></p> <p>Students will learn to defend the truth of Christianity through an evidential and logical progression, leading up to evidence for the resurrection of Jesus. Students will understand the relation between apologetics and the gospel.</p>
<p><b>AP205: Christian Thought</b></p> <p>An overview of a Biblical worldview with a brief introduction to the laws of thought and logic. Students will learn to defend the Biblical worldview and demonstrate its superiority over other opposing worldviews.</p>	<p><b>MIN210: Small Group Leadership</b></p> <p>A practicum on developing discipleship groups, students will learn how to lead, facilitate, and ask questions that invite thoughtful discussion. Learn practical advice on steering the conversation to accomplish discipleship objectives.</p>

Our Certificate in Theology courses have been carefully developed to give a foundation in essential Biblical theology, defending the Christian faith, and making disciples.

All courses are structured to provide students with an immersive education experience. We will raise and discuss controversial and challenging topics in order to learn how to effectively engage the culture with the truth of the Christian faith. Prior to participating in our Ministry Leadership Program, students must complete the Theology Program.

## Certificate Program in Ministry Leadership (36 Credit Hours)

With the completion of our Theology Program, students may have the opportunity to enroll in our Ministry Leadership Program, which includes additional leadership courses and practicums. Our Ministry Leadership Program will consist of 5 courses (15 credit hours). In addition, the Practicum Section will consist of a mixture of courses and hands-on training (21 credit hours), for a total of 36 credit hours in the Ministry Leadership Program.

### Ministry Leadership Program Schedule

Reach College is committed to a highly practical education. Our MIN courses may be slightly modified in order to better serve our students. In addition, students enrolled in our Ministry Leadership Program will take courses in their specific practicum area, and may have the opportunity to enroll in courses in other practicum areas.

Quarter 1 (Aug-Oct 2022)	Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec 2022)
<p><b>MIN305: Spiritual Formation</b></p> <p>A practicum on sanctification and the role Christians serve in the process. Learn how to establish a lifestyle that contributes to personal spiritual growth, and how to encourage other Christians in their spiritual growth.</p>	<p><b>MIN325: Biblical Counseling</b></p> <p>Students will learn the core concepts of Biblical counseling, including its goals and the role of the counselor. Students will learn to identify the limitations of Biblical counseling and when to refer individuals for more advanced care.</p>
<p><b>ADM210: Nonprofit Organization</b></p> <p>An introduction to the primary aspects of leading nonprofit organizations, from a board of directors to budgets, to legal requirements, etc.</p>	<p><b>MIN335: Team Development</b></p> <p>A practicum on developing teams and communicating vision. Learn how to identify individual strengths, bring teams together, and promote a culture that celebrates excellence.</p>
<p><b>PR310: Practicum Course 1</b> <i>(Not Available for Audit)</i></p> <p>Learn the leadership style of Jesus, his effectiveness in building teams, and how this relates to your practicum.</p>	<p><b>PR320: Practicum Course 2</b> <i>(Not Available for Audit)</i></p> <p>Students will enroll in a course related specifically to their practicum area.</p>



Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar 2023)	Quarter 4 (Mar-May 2023)
<p><b>PR330: Practicum Course 3</b> <i>(Not Available for Audit)</i></p> <p>Students will enroll in a course related specifically to their practicum area.</p>	<p><b>PR340: Practicum Course 4</b> <i>(Not Available for Audit)</i></p> <p>Students will enroll in a course related specifically to their practicum area.</p>
<p><b>PR410: Practicum Internship 1</b> <i>(6 Credit Hours. Not Available for Audit)</i></p> <p>Hands-on ministry training in your area of focus. Emphasis on learning various aspects of the ministry and assuming responsibility for parts of the ministry.</p>	<p><b>PR420: Practicum Internship 2</b> <i>(6 Credit Hours. Not Available for Audit)</i></p> <p>Hands-on ministry training in your area of focus. Emphasis on developing plans and leading a team to accomplish clear objectives for ministry.</p>

## Practicums Overview

Practicums at Reach College happen in partnership with select churches and non-profit ministries. Students will complete the courses specifically associated with their practicum, and will receive mentorship from professionals in their respective fields. In addition, the internship portion of the practicum will be tailored to the unique gifting and calling of each individual student.

Remember the Reach College motto: *Learn it. Live it. Lead others in it.* Students will learn to develop healthy teams, prayerfully define ministry objectives and collaborate as a team in order to accomplish the objective. Professionals will coach the student through every stage of the internship, gradually delegating leadership opportunities.

1. **Teaching Practicum:** The teaching practicum provides mentorship and leadership opportunities in expository Bible teaching, with additional courses related to church leadership, homiletics and sermon preparation.
2. **Worship Practicum:** The worship practicum provides an overview of leading worship teams, developing worship sets, and an introduction to audio/video production, with additional courses related to leadership, the heart of worship, and song writing.
3. **Administration Practicum:** The administration practicum provides the opportunity for students to be heavily involved many aspects of behind-the-scenes development and management of ongoing ministry functions and events, with additional courses in leadership and nonprofit administration.

## Weekly Schedule

Reach College operates on a quarter schedule, with each course lasting 8 total weeks. Old Testament and New Testament Surveys will be hosted in an online, virtual format. All other courses will host 1 in-person lecture per week, with a total of 7 lectures per course. Additional coursework and interaction will occur in an online, virtual format. The final week of the course allows students to complete remaining coursework.

**Sample Weekly Schedule** (will vary from course to course, and days of each course may be modified prior to August 2021):

	<b>Course 1</b> OT Survey (Virtual Tuesday Evening)	<b>Course 2</b> Gospel of John (Sunday Evening)	<b>Course 3</b> Hermeneutics (Thursday Evening)
<b>Sunday</b>	View sermons on demand/take notes	6pm-9pm In-person class	Required reading
<b>Monday</b>	Bible reading and chapter summaries	Required reading	Complete coursework
<b>Tuesday</b>	Virtual Class	Complete coursework	Virtual interaction
<b>Wednesday</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	Discussion Interaction	Virtual interaction	6pm-9pm In-person class
<b>Friday</b>	Finish any remaining coursework	Finish any remaining coursework	Bible reading and chapter summaries
<b>Saturday</b>			

**\*Please Note:** Specific class schedule will be outlined in each course syllabus, and will

## Academic Calendar

Each course lasts a total of 8 weeks. Virtual courses begin the 1st day of the quarter. In-person courses begin the day of the 1st lecture. After the first lecture, students will have a total of 8 weeks to complete required coursework. In observance of Thanksgiving and Resurrection Sunday, students will receive 1 additional week to complete all required coursework during the 2nd and 4th quarter.

### 2021/2022 Academic Calendar (1st and 2nd Quarter)

	Description
<b>August 1st</b>	Enroll for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Courses
<b>August 8th</b>	Student Orientation and Fellowship
<b>August 15th</b>	<b>Start of 1st Quarter</b>
<b>August 20th</b>	Students: Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
<b>October 7th</b>	End of 1st Quarter
<b>October 17th</b>	<b>Start of 2nd Quarter</b>
<b>October 22nd</b>	Students: Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
<b>Nov 21st-27th</b>	Thanksgiving Break: No School
<b>December 16th</b>	End of 2nd Quarter

**2021/2022 Academic Calendar (3rd and 4th Quarter)**

	<b>Description</b>
<b>Jan 3rd-Mar 12th</b>	Reach College Accepting Practicum Applications (Open to Qualified Students: Reference Page 13)
<b>January 9th</b>	<b>Start of 3rd Quarter</b>
<b>January 14th</b>	Students: Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
<b>March 3rd</b>	End of 3rd Quarter
<b>Mar 6th-9th</b>	Calvary Tucson Leadership Conference (Students May Serve and Attend Free)
<b>March 20th</b>	<b>Start of 4th Quarter</b>
<b>March 25th</b>	Students: Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
<b>Apr 17th-23rd</b>	Resurrection Break: No School
<b>May 19th</b>	End of 4th Quarter
<b>May 20th</b>	Certificate of Theology Ceremony
<b>June 24th-25th</b>	Reach College Hosts Weekend Workshop (Topic: Apologetics and the Gospel)

## MINISTRY AND MISSIONS EXPECTATIONS

The Reach College motto is *learn it, live it, lead others in it*. Jesus made disciples through perfect Bible exposition, apologetics, and modeling hands-on ministry. He sent out the disciples to perform various ministry functions, then met to discuss their experiences. We draw our approach from Jesus' example.

Our desire is for every student at Reach College to serve in ministry at a local church and/or Christian nonprofit organization at least 8 hours per quarter. Students participating in the advanced leadership module are expected to participate in 1 weeklong mission trip or 2 weekend mission trips prior to their graduation. Serving at local Christian nonprofit organizations a minimum of 20 hours is sufficient to fulfill the missions expectations.

### Ministry Worksheet

Students will track ministry/missions involvement using a ministry worksheet. Completed ministry worksheets may be submitted to the Reach College office during the final week of each academic quarter. Worksheets must be signed by a ministry overseer or pastor.

### Sample Ministry Worksheet

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____		
Fulfills (Select One): _____ Ministry Requirement _____ Missions Requirement		
Date	Hours	Description of Activity
Pastor/Overseer Name: _____ Date: _____		
Signature: _____ Phone: _____		

## Reach College Honor Code

Jesus declared to his disciples, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him" (John 14:21 ESV). There is an unbreakable relation between love and action. We endeavor to conduct ourselves in a manner that honors Christ and reveals to the world that we love him.

All persons affiliated with Reach College have the responsibility to adhere to the Honor Code, not from a place of conforming to rules, but from a heart to worship God in spirit and in truth. Our conduct is a witness to others of the authenticity of our faith.

### **We Aim to Love God First**

The heart of Christianity is walking in a right relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to his word. We aim to prioritize God in everything, maintaining an active, healthy relationship with him through prayer and Bible reading. We recognize that conduct honoring to Christ necessarily flows from a healthy relationship with him.

### **We Embrace the Authority of Scripture**

2 Timothy 3:16 reads, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." Every Christian is learning the Scriptures and what it means to walk with Christ. We are committed to:

- Reading the Scriptures with a commitment to its authority in our lives.
- Reading the Scriptures with a heart to understand its meaning.
- Reading the Scriptures with a commitment to obey its precepts and commands.

### **We Maintain a Heart of Repentance**

The first words Jesus preached in his public ministry were, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17 ESV). Repentance in relation to salvation happens when a person turns from a life of self-seeking and receives salvation in Jesus Christ. Repentance is also vital for all Christians as we learn the Scriptures and harmonize our conduct with its precepts and commandments. We are committed to:

- Agreeing with the Scriptures, and when necessary, changing our way of thinking.
- Agreeing with the Scriptures, and when necessary, changing our way of living.
- Substantive change rarely happens in an instant, but is a process. We do not expect perfection from people. Rather, we desire for every person to commit to the authority of the Scriptures, allowing the Scriptures to govern our way of thinking and prescribe what it means to live with Christ-like character.

## **We Aim to Honor Christ in Everything**

Love is the supreme ethic, and 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 perfectly embodies its characteristics: "4Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

- We aim to be patient with others, especially in difficult situations.
- We aim to show kindness to all people, regardless of their worldview.
- We aim to walk in humility with a servant heart.
- We aim to speak the truth in love and with grace.
- We aim to believe the best about other people.
- We aim to be faithful, honoring our commitments.
- We aim to lead people to life in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Conduct that honors Christ requires that we refrain from speech, behavior, and actions that grieve the Holy Spirit, harm others, and undermine our Christian witness. We commit ourselves to refraining from the following:

- Slander, profanity, and crude speech
- Recreational drug use and/or drunkenness
- Sexual immorality (including sexual activity outside marriage and pornography)
- Inappropriate social media posts
- All forms of harassment
- Behavior that causes other followers of Christ to stumble in their faith

## **Correction, Accountability and Restoration**

In the event that one lapses into a sinful lifestyle, that individual is expected to report the details to a pastoral overseer. The pastoral overseer will evaluate the situation, work with the individual, and develop a restoration plan. Depending on the severity of the situation, appropriate action may include any of the following:

- Ongoing pastoral counseling
- Plan for structured accountability
- Probation or temporary suspension from Reach College
- Permanent removal from Reach College, etc.

Correction has two primary objectives: 1) Restore an individual to a right relationship with God (Gal. 6:1), and 2) Protect individuals from harmful and/or dangerous conduct.

The Honor Code affirms that, while no Christian is perfect, we are committed to a lifestyle that aims to honor and glorify Jesus Christ.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND CERTIFICATES**

Reach College endeavors to provide every student with an experience that incorporates academic excellence with intensely practical ministry training. Students may earn two certificates: 1) Certificate in Theology, and 2) Certificate in Ministry Leadership.

### **Certificate in Theology**

The Certificate in Theology is awarded to students who have completed our Certificate Program of Theology (36 credit hours) and have met the following requirements:

- Complete all required courses with a grade of C- or better.
- Complete a minimum of 32 hours of volunteer ministry (8 hours/quarter).
- Maintain a lifestyle that honors our Honor Code.
- Ensure that all tuition and fees are paid in full.

### **Certificate in Ministry Leadership**

The Certificate in Ministry Leadership is awarded to students who have been awarded the Certificate in Theology, completed the Certificate Program in Ministry Leadership, and have fulfilled the following requirements:

- Complete all required courses with a grade of C- or better.
- Fulfill all ministry and mission expectations (Page 21).
- Maintain a lifestyle that honors our Honor Code.
- Receive letters of recommendation from two Reach College faculty.
- Ensure that all tuition and fees are paid in full.

### **Accreditation Plans**

Reach College is not accredited at present, though we plan to pursue accreditation. Our courses and program requirements are structured to maintain the highest standards of academic excellence, while providing our students with invaluable ministry experience. Completion of the Certificate Program in Theology and Certificate Program in Ministry Leadership is equivalent to earning an associate of theology degree.

We trust the Lord to determine whether our graduates enter into vocational ministry or live their calling in a different context. We all have the privilege and responsibility of living as disciples of Christ and making disciples for Christ. Reach College endeavors to equip Christians to live their unique calling with joy and effectiveness.