



Abide DMIN Conference Class CEWM8302

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Church Ministry Division

Abide Women's Conference Jan. 31- Feb. 1, 2025

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Mission Statement

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

Course Description

This course is designed to expose students to current leadership issues in ministry to women by attending the Abide Women's Conference. Presentations from outstanding leaders in women's missions and ministry will provide information that can be applied in the local church. In addition, students will have the opportunity to network with women's ministry leaders and learn about available resources for ministry to women.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the course, the student will:

1. Understand current trends in leadership relating to women's ministry.
2. Identify leadership principles in women's ministry.
3. Recognize leadership personnel and resources in women's ministry.
4. Apply relevant leadership skills in her own ministry context.

Required Readings

The following texts are required and should be read in their entirety.

Earley, Justin Whitmel. 2023. *Made for People*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

Hill, Megan. 2020. *A Place to Belong: Learning to Love the Local Church*. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway.

Kruger, Melissa. 2020. *Growing Together*. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway.

Townsend, John Sims. 2019. *People Fuel: Fill Your Tank for Life, Love, and Leadership*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

Welch, Edward T. 2015. *Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love*. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway.

Course Teaching Methodology

Lectures and Power Point presentations will be provided by the conference's main speakers and breakout session instructors as well as small group discussion and networking opportunities.

Course Requirements

1. **Enroll.** Students will enroll in the course with NOBTS as well as register for the conference including the pre-conference. Students are responsible for own transportation, housing, and meals.
2. **Read the Required Textbooks.** Students will read the required textbooks and submit a statement of completion.
3. **Attend Sessions.** Students will attend all sessions of the Abide Women's Conference including pre-conference, main sessions, and breakouts.
4. **Meet for Debriefing Sessions.** Students will meet with Dr. Dean during the conference for debriefing. In addition, students will meet with Dr. Dean and Dr. Dew for two follow-up sessions online on the following dates/times:
 - Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 12-1 CST (Abide conference takeaways/debrief)
 - Wednesday, April 23 from 12-1 CST (synthesis of all that you learned from textbook/research)
5. **Summarize Conference Notes.** Students will take thorough notes during all sessions and submit a copy of conference notes. The notes can be a scanned pdf of written notes or a typed copy of the notes. **Due Wednesday, February 5, 2025.**
6. **Write a Critical Evaluation/Application Paper.** Students will write an evaluation paper. The evaluation should be 8-10 pages (excluding cover and bibliography) and should include the section headings listed below:
 - Identifying Information about the Conference (1/2 pg)
 - Purpose of the Conference (1/2 pg)
 - Summary of the Sessions (not as in depth as the above assignment – 1pg)
 - Evaluation of Speakers/Content (include highlights and constructive criticism – 3-4 pgs)
 - Personal Application of the Conference (3-4pgs)**Due Wednesday, March 5, 2025.**
7. **Write a Synthesis Paper.** Using the textbooks and 2-3 additional sources, the student will write an 8-10 page, double-spaced paper about biblical community. In this paper, the student will synthesize their research and address why biblical community is needed, the foundations of it in Scripture, how to create and foster it, as well as how to protect and multiply it. **Due Wednesday, April 23, 2025.**

Evaluation of Grade

This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School:

A = 93 – 100	15% = Conference Attendance
B = 85-92	15% = Textbook Reading
C = 77-84	15% = Conference Notes Summary

D = 70-76 30% = Evaluation Paper
F = Below 70 25% = Synthesis Paper

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend and participate in all conference sessions including the pre-conference. Because of the nature of the intensive, students who miss any portion of the conference may receive a grade of "F" for the course.

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. Canvas.NOBTS.com Click on the "Help" button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to Canvas@nobts.edu.
3. [Video Conferencing Help Desk](#) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Video Conferencing NOBTS classrooms (On and Off-Campus)
4. TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS On-Campus Phone system.
5. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests in the Flex classrooms and for general technical questions/support requests. If you are not sure who to contact, use this email address!

Disability Accommodations

Accommodations for students with disabilities are determined and approved by the Assistant Dean of Students for Student Affairs. If you, as a student, believe you are eligible for accommodations but have not obtained approval please contact Conner Hinton immediately at chinton@nobts.edu or 504-816-8246. Students must complete the Accommodation Request Form and provide documentation of their disability. The Assistant Dean of Students notifies students and faculty members of approved academic accommodations and coordinates implementation of those accommodations. While not required, students and faculty members are encouraged to discuss details of the implementation of individual accommodations. The seminary reserves the right to consider each request for special accommodations on a case-by-case basis pursuant to the criteria enumerated above.

Academic Policies

Academic policies related to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: [*New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog*](#).

Policy for Graduating Seniors

Graduating Seniors are responsible for alerting the professor of your intention to graduate. All of your assignments must be completed by noon (12:00 PM) on the Wednesday prior to commencement exercises.

Academic Honesty Policy

All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system

format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

Late Work

An automatic 5-point deduction will be taken for work submitted after the due date. Additional points will be deducted based on the number of days the submission is late. Requirements must be received by the end of each semester or the student will receive a course grade of an "F".

Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer. A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Canvas shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center's page on the seminary website at: <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

Course Schedule

Full schedule and registration links are available at <https://prepareher.com/abide/>

Friday, January 31		
12:00	Pre-Conference	Luter Student Center
4:00	Registration Opens	Legacy Plaza
6:00	Doors Open	Leavell Chapel Porch
6:30	Plenary Session #1	Leavell Chapel
7:30	Break	Leavell Chapel
7:45	Plenary Session #2	Leavell Chapel
Saturday, February 1		
8:00	Doors Open	Leavell Chapel
8:30	Plenary Session #3	Leavell Chapel
10:00	Breakout Session 1	Various Locations
11:15	Breakout Session 2	Various Locations
12:00	Lunch	Quad
1:00	Breakout Session 3	Various Locations
2:00	Plenary Session #4	Leavell Chapel
3:00	Conference Concludes	