



Student Handbook

1. MISSION AND VALUES

At the Grace School of Ministry (GSM), our mission is to equip individuals for impactful ministry within and beyond the Body of Christ, grounded in Grace Fellowship Church's 'Equipping for Life' vision. We recognize that each person is uniquely gifted and called for a specific ministry.

Our focus is to empower individuals to discover, develop, and deploy their God-given gifts through teaching, practical training, and a foundation of solid doctrine. We aim to develop leaders who effectively minister with authenticity and passion, serving as catalysts for transformation and bringing forth the love, grace, and truth of Christ in their spheres of influence.

Alongside acquiring practical ministry skills, including apologetics, prayer ministry, and missions training, we encourage students to discern their specific callings and explore diverse avenues of service.

Together, we embrace the understanding that all believers are vital parts of the Body of Christ, each contributing their distinct gifts and callings for the edification of the church and the expansion of God's Kingdom. With this perspective, we equip and empower individuals to make a significant and lasting impact on the world.

2. GSM CULTURE

Embracing Your Unique Identity

As a leader, you possess unique gifts, callings, and dreams that make you uniquely “YOU.” GSM believes that you are designed by God, and He is the Author and Finisher of your faith (Hebrews 12:2). At GSM, our mission is to help you fully align with God's purpose for your life and realize the path He has specifically scripted for you.

Finding a Spiritual Covering

GSM understands the need for each of us to function under spiritual authority and a prayer covering. We seek to provide a trustworthy environment where you can learn and apply Kingdom principles, supported by spiritual fathers and mothers who will provide guidance and empowerment throughout your spiritual and educational journey.

Strong Community

GSM fosters strong connections among the student body. We encourage a learning community that nurtures supportive environments and lifelong relationships among students.

Embracing Risk-Taking

Risk-taking truly opens the door to signs and wonders, miracles, and effective evangelism! We desire to create a “learn and do” environment that grows, stretches your spiritual muscles, and further matures your spiritual giftings.

Celebration

Zechariah 4:10 says, “Do not despise the days of small beginnings.” GSM is committed to fostering a celebrative environment that notices little breakthroughs, healing, miracles, and answered prayer. We will function and walk with a constant eye toward the goodness of God.

3. ACADEMICS

The curriculum of GSM offers Bible college-level instruction that provides a Ministry Certificate upon completion. GSM is not accredited. Students should understand that credits more than likely are not transferrable to another educational institution. Additionally, GSM does not receive transfer credits from other institutions.

Students should expect outside-of-class preparation, including assigned reading, Bible study, and reports.

We value teachability and seek candidates who are:

- open-minded to learning, and humble in embracing new things
- willing to receive feedback and guidance
- are vulnerable, self-reflective, and take ownership

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

As Grace School of Ministry is dedicated to preparing students for greater ministry impact, it is expected that each student will conduct themselves in a way that glorifies the Lord. Regular attendance is expected and required. Attitude and actions must be above reproach. Each student is expected to stand in agreement with the Grace Fellowship Church doctrinal statement and walk in fellowship and unity within a local church.

Excessive use of alcohol, any form of drug use, harassment, discrimination, or sexual misconduct is not becoming of a GSM student and will not be tolerated.

5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Most courses require a fee of \$65, which covers GSM expenses. Any deviations from this fee will be announced before course registration. In case of hardship, scholarships may be available. Additionally, purchasing textbooks is the responsibility of each student. Scan to pay fee:



Note: The Missions course includes a mission trip, and students are responsible for raising funds to cover their expenses for the chosen trip. GSM is dedicated to assisting students in finding scholarships to help with their mission trip expenses.

6. BY THE HELP OF HOLY SPIRIT

In the Kingdom, learning differs from conventional schooling. Students must approach courses with an expectation of learning guided by the Holy Spirit. Prayer support is vital. Upon admission, each student must have an intercessor (prayer support) during their time at GSM.

7. GRACE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY COURSES

CERTIFICATE COURSE OUTLINE

To earn the GSM Ministry Certificate, students must successfully complete eight courses. The coursework will typically be completed within two to three years.

CORE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Introduction to Ministry

This foundational, comprehensive course explores the gifts and grace required for impactful, successful ministry.

Sound Doctrine

Students will investigate systematic theology, Biblical interpretation, historical creeds of the Church, and discerning truth from error.

Old and New Testament Survey

Students will gain an in-depth overview of Scripture, including its canonization, chronology, and inerrancy.

The Teaching of Jesus and the Cross

Students will delve into the work of the cross, incarnation, and the doctrine of salvation, exploring the finished work of Jesus.

Prayer Coaching

Students will gain profound understanding and practical experience in Spirit-led coaching, relying on the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit to effectively coach through prayer. Includes hands-on training at the Equip Conference, and more.

Missions

Students will learn about God's global purposes as they grow in their understanding of missions. The learning experience will involve lectures, cultural training, simulations, and prayer. They'll serve with a team in a cross-cultural setting, where they will be spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically challenged while aligning with God's heart for the nations.

Foundations of Ministry

This course will serve as an introduction to homiletics and public speaking, covering the law of the learner, and effective leadership in small groups, home churches, and Bible studies.

Exploring the Supernatural and Spiritual Warfare

This course will focus on prophecy, healing, discernment of spirits, and how to flow and function in supernatural ministry. It will also include a biblical perspective on dreams and visions, examining their biblical significance.

Certain seminars taken at the Equip Conference may also be used to count toward partial credit.

PRACTICUM

During the certification process, each student will participate in diverse ministry assignments, such as street witnessing, rest home ministry, small group involvement, jail ministry, and more. A short report of the experience and lessons learned will be required.

Note: Course names and descriptions are subject to change as GSM continues to evolve. Courses may be audited on a case-by-case basis to assess program fit.

8. SCHEDULE

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:30 but are subject to change.

Some classes may be held on Saturday mornings, and the Prayer Coaching program may include all-day seminars.

9. ATTENDANCE

GSM recognizes that unforeseen circumstances may arise, and attending every class might not always be possible. To facilitate the completion of all coursework, recorded versions of the classes may be made available. However, please note that if students accumulate more than two unexcused absences, they will be required to re-enroll in the course during the next available offering. Failing to notify the instructor of the absence constitutes as an unexcused absence.

10. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Applications can be submitted in person at the Grace Fellowship Church office, mailed to Grace Fellowship, emailed to pastorpaulgracefellowship@gmail.com, or submitted online at gracefellowshipwy.com/school-of-ministry, if available.

11. WHAT TO EXPECT

1. After submitting your application, expect to receive confirmation within 2 to 3 weeks. The processing time may vary depending on your references.
2. If additional information or further clarification is required for your application, the GSM team will contact you.
3. Upon receiving an admissions confirmation, a course syllabus will be provided, and you should order textbook materials. Please note that GSM will typically not have a supply of textbooks, so consider using Amazon or another source.