CE 503 The Ministry of Teaching

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CE 503: The Ministry of Teaching (3 hours credit)

Analytical study of the teaching act and of teaching-learning events, including examination of the teaching acts in the ministry of Jesus. Also includes current insights furnished by the social sciences and exploration of some implications for developing one’s own approach, strategy, and style as a teacher

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Course Objectives:

Students who complete this course will have:

1. Gained an understanding of the probable functioning of their temperament type in leading, teaching, and relating to others.
2. Appreciated the courage and vulnerability required for effective teaching and grasped the importance of understanding “who” is the self that is teaching.
3. Developed a methodology of teaching that allows one’s teaching preference to communicate with a variety of learning styles and ways of knowing.
4. Been introduced to and utilized comparative theoretical models for teaching.
5. Grasped a conceptualization of exemplary teaching and recorded practical suggestions regarding how to become an exemplary teacher.
6. Studied Jesus in a variety of teaching acts and observed the powerful transformative ways he encountered people.
7. Evaluated the effectiveness of one’s own teaching and can evaluate teaching that is occurring in the home, at school, professionally, or in non-formal settings.
8. Created and presented their own teaching module and received peer feedback related to how to grow toward more impactful teaching.
TEXTBOOKS


Learning Style Inventory - Available from the bookstore as looseleaf pages

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and Participation

In order to fulfill the objectives of this course it is necessary that each student attend class regularly. Attendance will be kept in compliance with the new faculty guidelines and any significant deficiencies reported for financial aid requirements. Although no formal grading is associated with attendance, excessive absences will result in the lowering of a semester grade or the determination of a borderline grade especially during the weeks of peer teaching!! It should be regarded as a matter of personal integrity to attend your colleagues teaching modules eager to offer your feedback.

Grading

The final grade for this class will consist of five primary projects:

1. (10 percent) A 4-5 page paper that names the significance of the Palmer book for you and your past and future teaching. This could take several forms: a foundational reworking of my understanding of truth and how it is pursued; what I must be aware of and strive for in order to be a good steward of this teaching; what I used to believe and what are my growing convictions as a teacher; etc.

2. (15 percent) A 3-5 page paper focused on you as a teacher. The content of this document, formatted in whatever manner you believe will be most helpful to you, should contain an analysis of your temperament type; what this predicts regarding how you lead and teach; and reflections on your learning style (both from LeFevre and the LSI).

3. (15 percent) A 7-10 page paper or reference guide that can serve as a perpetual reminder to you of how to create exemplary teaching. It should document such things as: what makes for outstanding teaching?; what are the foundational principals I need to follow to create effective teaching moments?; what do I aim at in teaching?; what might be helpful to remember in selecting content and leading discussions?; how can I evaluate my effectiveness? In short, this is a culminating paper that asks you to make explicit what you now know about the ministry of teaching, incorporating aspects of at least the Joy and Lowman texts.
4. (50 percent) A 20-25 minute teaching module that you will create and present toward the end of the semester that utilizes a theoretical model, helpful classroom dynamics, your teaching style, student learning styles, etc. Part of this grade will come from peer evaluations.

5. (10 percent) A personal response of 2-3 pages to the book by Herman Hesse, *Beneath the Wheel* that recounts either episodes from your own educational experiences that were illuminated by the book and/or an evaluation of our current educational system.

Grades will be established on a numerical point scale, with pluses and minuses being determined by class participation, attendance, initiative, helpfulness to peers, evaluation of peers reflecting substantive integration of classroom material, and final teaching module. Please note the following definition of grades as specified in the ATS catalogue:

A = Exceptional work: surpassing, markedly outstanding achievement of course objectives
B = Good work: strong, significant achievement of course objectives
C = Acceptable work: basic, essential achievement of course objectives
D = Marginal work: minimal or inadequate achievement of course objectives
F = Unacceptable work: failure to achieve course objectives

### Proposed Spring Agenda

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Final Meeting date if needed: Thursday, May 17th 1:00-3:00 p.m.