

Christian Family – Online

Syllabus

Free Methodist Church of North America

Acts 12:24 Churches

Online Extension of the Ministry Education Center of Metro NY/NJ

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Course # Acts12:24 1013

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Attribute/s of Outcome Based Ordination this course addresses

- Be characterized by spiritual maturity and a strong sense of call to ministry. They are shaped by the spiritual disciplines, root their identity and calling firmly in Christ, and model a Spirit-led life of holiness.
- Live a well-balanced life that can sustain the demands of ministry. They attend adequately to their physical, emotional, and mental needs; schedule regular time for play and recreation; and live simple lives free of unhealthy addiction and compulsion
- Possess the ability to practically apply learning. They model an ability to make complex theology understandable to all, to find God's redemptive activity in daily life, and to deepen faith through real-life experiences.

Expected Outcomes

Cognitive

1. The student will be able to define the stages of dating and courting.
2. The student will discover the importance of selecting a spouse.
3. The student will develop the biblical foundation for marriage.
4. The student will be exposed to issues that impact families and relationships.

Behavioral

1. The student will be able to describe their role and responsibility in creating a lasting godly marriage.

Afferent

1. The student will recognize the importance of appropriate biblical roles concerning dating, courting, marriage, sexuality, finances, parenting, and family relations.

General Description:

This course addresses marriage and family relationships. Attention is given to family issues such as parenting, finances, and conflict management. Emphasis is placed on the value and sacredness of a strong, healthy marriage and family.

Course Texts:

Joiner, Reggie. Think Orange. David C. Cook, 2009.

Mohler, R. Albert, We Can Not be Silent. Nashville: Nelson Books, 2015.

Rainey, Dennis. Ministering to Twenty-First Century Families. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2001.

Grading Scale:

90-100 %- A

80-90 % -B

70-80 % - C

70 % and below – F

Assignments and grading:

1. Do all assigned readings and submit signed acknowledgement – 10%
2. Write a 2-3 page reflection paper the top 5 insights you gained from the CCP & Omega readings and how you will apply these to your family & ministry – 20%
3. Write a 2-3 page reflection paper the top 5 insights you gained from “Ministering to 21st Century Families” and how you will apply these to your family & ministry – 20%
4. Write a 2-3 page reflection paper the top 5 insights you gained from “Think Orange” and how you will apply these to your family & ministry – 20%
5. Write a 2-3 page reflection paper the top 5 insights you gained from “We Can Not be Silent” and how you will apply these to your family & ministry – 20%
6. Develop a plan for developing Christ-centered families in your church – 10%

Your plan should have several sections:

- a. Your plan for premarital counseling.
- b. Your plan for marriage counseling.
- c. Your plan for an integrative approach to kids/teen ministry with their families.
- d. Your plan for grandparents and their contribution to the family development.
- e. Your plan for navigating conversations about gender/sexuality.

Assigned Readings before each Class Session:

1. Community Church Planting & Omega

- Read the entire CCP & Omega Course Handbook – Submit your reflection assignment prior to moving on to the next section

2. 21st Century Families

- Read “Ministering to 21st Century Families” by Rainey – Submit your reflection assignment prior to continuing on to the next section.

3. Partnering with Families in Ministry

- Read “Think Orange” by Joiner – Submit your reflection assignment prior to continuing on to the next section.

4. Culture & Sexuality

- Read “We Can Not be Silent” by Mohler – Submit your reflection assignment prior to completing the final assignment.