PASTORAL MINISTRY MAJOR - B.S.

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Mission Statement
The Nyack College Pastoral Ministry program stays true to our original trust by equipping men or women who wish to become pastors, church planters, evangelists, worship leaders or other ministry related professionals upon graduation, with or without further education. Our faculty embraces what we like to call “the two handed warrior” approach to education. Both spiritual formation and solid intellectual content are necessary for raising up the next generation of pastors and leaders. We strive to live by and encourage our students to pay close attention to the integrity of their heart and head as is encouraged in 1 Timothy 4:16, “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

Program Goals
The Pastoral Ministries program seeks to impart to its majors:

1. **Knowledge** of Scriptures, Biblical Theology, and Biblical Interpretation. This will be accomplished through Bible, Theology, and Interpretation courses and out-of-classroom learning venues sponsored or supported by the Pastoral Ministries Department.

2. **Skill** in preaching, leadership, pastoral counseling, evangelism, church planting, and the application of God’s word to contemporary environments. This will be accomplished directly through completion of courses in preaching, leadership, pastoral counseling, evangelism and church planting. In addition, students will participate in three internship courses and a senior seminar course.

3. **Conviction** about the necessity of personal holiness, biblically-based ministry, dependence on the Holy Spirit, and culturally relevant engagement in society. This will be accomplished directly through a Personal Spiritual Formation course, a Global Engagement course and indirectly through Pastoral Ministries elective courses and through interaction and advisement from the Pastoral Ministries faculty.

Student Learning Goals
By graduation, the Pastoral Ministries major’s knowledge, skills and convictions will reflect Nyack’s core values in the following way:

- **Academically Excellent**: Students will know introductory, background and thematic information about the sixty-six books of the Bible and the scholarly research methods through which this knowledge is generated. They will also know the Christian church’s historic doctrines, great thinkers and
contemporary expressions, with which the students must interact. This knowledge will be assessed through various written exams and Bible interpretation papers assigned throughout the program and through a standardized exam in the senior year.

Globally Engaged and Intentionally Diverse. Students will know the richness of the Christian heritage in all its global diversity. Students will also know how the Christian worldview compares and contrasts with competing worldviews in the global marketplace of ideas. This knowledge will be assessed through various written exams throughout the program and through a standardized exam during the senior year.

Personally Transforming. Students will be able to communicate, whether in oral or written form, the ways in which they integrate the Bible’s teaching into their Christian worldview and into their personal daily living. This ability will be assessed through various Bible interpretation assignments, both oral and written, throughout the program and through a professional interview in the senior year.

Socially Relevant: Students will be able to connect properly the concerns of the ancient text to the concerns of the modern world, to think biblically in addressing contemporary problems, and to communicate how the gospel of Jesus Christ offers hope for positive change in the global community. These skills will prepare the students for ministerial, educational and other service professions. This ability will be assessed through various papers assigned throughout the program.

Program Assessment
The following assessments are used to assess program effectiveness.

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<th>Assessment</th>
<th>Context</th>
<th>Location in Program</th>
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<td>Standardized Bible and Theology content test. This assessment will measure program goal (1), knowledge of the Bible and the Christian heritage. This test will also be re-administered during the Senior Seminar course.</td>
<td>BIB 102, BIB 201, BIB 301, BIB 302 and THE 320</td>
<td>Senior Year</td>
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<td>Professional placement folder This assessment will measure program goal (2), skill in preaching, leadership, pastoral counseling, evangelism, church planting, and the application of God’s word to contemporary environments.</td>
<td>Senior Seminar (PMN 470)</td>
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“Readiness-for-ministry” interview. The course instructor reviews with the student his or her professional placement folder. *This assessment will measure program goal (3), conviction about the necessity of personal holiness, biblically-based ministry, dependence on the Holy Spirit, and culturally relevant engagement in society.*

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<th>Senior Seminar (PMN 470)</th>
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No prior year assessments. Assessments will be instituted Fall 2009.

**Concentrations**

**Evangelism and Church Planting Concentration (Institute for Church Planting—ICP):** Designed for students who desire to specialize in a ministry of evangelism, disciple making, and church planting. May be taken both as a terminal program and as preparation for graduate studies.

**Leadership and Preaching Concentration:** Designed for students who feel a call to lead through the preaching ministry. A special focus is given to the development of the young leader. May be taken both as a terminal program and as preparation for graduate studies.

**Pastoral Counseling Concentration:** Designed for students who are interested in counseling within the local church or Para-church organization. May be taken both as a terminal program and as preparation for graduate studies.

**Worship and the Arts Concentration:** Designed for students with a call to worship ministries within the local church and beyond. A theology and practical philosophy of worship will be developed which includes preaching, music, drama, dance and the recapturing of all the arts for the Glory of God. May be taken both as a terminal program and as preparation for graduate studies.

126 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Science degree:

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<th>Liberal Arts and Science Core Component</th>
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<td>Bible and Ministry Minor Curriculum</td>
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<td><strong>Major Field Component (36 credits)</strong></td>
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<td>CED 202 - Foundations of Teaching in the Church</td>
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<td>HEB 101 &amp; 102 or GRK 101 &amp; 102</td>
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<td>PMN 311-312 - Introduction and Intermediate Homiletics</td>
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<td>YMN 333 - Intro to Youth Ministry</td>
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<td>PMN 346 - Personal Spiritual Formation (Worldview requirement)</td>
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<td>CED 349 - Intro to Family Ministry</td>
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Pastoral Ministry

PMN 441 - Leadership and Administration ................................................................. 3
PMN 442 - Pastoral Methods ......................................................................................... 3
PMN 470 - Senior Seminar .......................................................................................... 3
Pastoral Ministry Experience (PMN 243,391,392,393 or PMN 490-Pastoral
Internship or an approved substitute or Life experience credit) .............................. 3

Concentration/Generic Pastoral Ministry Elective Component (15 credits)

Miscellaneous/Liberal Arts Elective Component (23 credits)
Liberal arts electives ..................................................................................................... 9
Miscellaneous electives ............................................................................................... 14

Recommended courses:
PMN 243 - International Pastoral Ministry Experience ........................................... 1
PMN 252 - Leadership & Character Development ...................................................... 3
PMN 310 - Pastoral Counseling .................................................................................. 3
PMN 340 - Alliance Doctrine and Polity (required of students intending C&MA ministry) .................................................. 1
PMN 341 - Principles of Evangelism .......................................................................... 3
PMN 343 - Divine Healing ......................................................................................... 3
PMN 414 - Applied Homiletics .................................................................................. 3
(students need to take PMN 311 & 312 during junior year to qualify for PMN 414)
PMN 432 - Principles of Church Growth ................................................................. 3
BIB 450 - The Holy Spirit and His Gifts .................................................................. 3
BUS 242 - Personal Finance ....................................................................................... 3
CED 346 - Youth Outreach ......................................................................................... 3
CSC 242 - Webpage Design ...................................................................................... 3
DRA 205 - Introduction to Theatre ............................................................................. 3

Total credits required ................................................................................................ 126

Evangelism and Church Planting Concentration – Recommended Courses
PMN 341 - Principles of Evangelism
PMN 350 - Power Encounter or PMN 343 - Divine Healing
PMN 357 - Introduction to Church Planting
PMN 432 - Principles of Church Growth
YMN 336 - Youth Outreach

Leadership and Preaching Concentration – Recommended Courses
PMN 252 - Leadership & Character Development
PMN 321 - Leadership Development & Mentoring
PMN 414 - Advanced Homiletics
PMN 329 – Patterns of Organizational Leadership
CED 342 - Small Group Leadership

Pastoral Counseling Concentration – Recommended Courses
PMN 310 - Pastoral Counseling
PMN 350 - Power Encounter or PMN 343 - Divine Healing
PSY 258 - Counseling Methods
CED 360 - At Risk Youth and Gangs or YMN 332 – Counseling Adolescents
PSY 349 - Family Counseling

Total credits required ........................................................................................................ 126
Worship and the Arts Concentration – Recommended Courses
PMN 233 - Theology of Worship & the Arts
PMN 327 – Meaningful Worship in the Video and Technological Age
CED 348 - Drama & the Church
PMN 445 - Developing the Worship Ministry in the Local Church
YMN 345 - Youth and Worship
(It is also recommended that the student in this concentration use some of their miscellaneous electives for music & voice lessons)

Pastoral Ministry Major Suggested Program Plan

**FIRST YEAR: Fall**
- PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Form. . 2
- INT 112-Found. for Excellence ..... 2
- ENG 101-College Writing I ........... 3
- HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I........ 3
- Social Science Elective............... 3
- PMN 201-Nyack Heritage........... 1
- INT 101-Info Literacy ................ 1

**SECOND YEAR: Fall**
- BIB 201-New Testament Lit ........ 3
- CED 202-Found. Tchg. in Church. 3
- ENG 201 or 202-Global Lit. I or II 3
- MAT-Math Elective .................... 3
- HEB 101 or GRK 101 ............... 3
- PMN-Concentration Elective ....... 3

**THIRD YEAR: Fall**
- BIB 303 Christian Thought ........ 3
- SOC 347-Multicultural America .... 3
- PMN 311-Intro. Homiletics......... 3
- Pastoral Min. Experience.......... 1
- PMN-Concentration Elective ...... 3
- CED 349-Intro. to Family Min.... 3

**FOURTH YEAR: Fall**
- PMN 441-Leadership & Admin..... 3
- PMN-Concentration Elective ...... 3
- Pastoral Min. Experience......... 1
- Electives............................ 8

**FIRST YEAR: Spring**
- BIB 102-Old Testament Lit......... 3
- ENG 102-College Writing II....... 3
- HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II.... 3
- PHI 101-Intro to Philosophy....... 3
- PMN-Concentration Elective ...... 3

**SECOND YEAR: Spring**
- YMN 333-Intro. to Youth Min..... 3
- Fine Arts requirement............... 3
- HEB 102 or GRK 102 ............. 3
- Laboratory Science................. 4
- Elective............................ 3

**THIRD YEAR: Spring**
- BIB-Elective.......................... 3
- PMN 312-Interm Homiletics......... 3
- PMN 346-Pers. Spiritual Form...... 3
- PMN-Concentration Elective ..... 3
- Elective............................. 3
- Pastoral Min. Experience ....... 1

**FOURTH YEAR: Spring**
- PMN 442-Pastoral Methods......... 3
- PMN 470-Senior Seminar.......... 3
- Liberal Arts Electives ............ 9