

Briercrest Seminary
RD704 Experiential Integration

Syllabus/View sheet/Application form

(Note: this is a summary of information in the full *Experiential Integration* Manual.
Students are responsible to be familiar with the manual.)

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DESCRIPTION

M.Div. students are required to complete four months of full-time mentored Experiential Integration (EI). Students should carefully plan for their Experiential Integration requirements with the faculty supervisor. EI is generally four to 12 months in duration, depending upon the number of hours per week students are able to devote to the ministry. The minimum requirement is four months (17 weeks) full-time and a minimum of 680 hours. Some students choose to complete EI over a longer period while working or studying part-time. Though EI is non-credit, there is a one-time fee of \$150 for processing, registration, and supervision.

Prerequisite: Completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours of the program, including CM 600 Spiritual Formation for Ministry and CM 601 Philosophy and Foundation of Ministry. Individual M.Div. tracks may also have additional specific prerequisites.

OBJECTIVES

1. To integrate graduate education with a ministry context.
2. To test and/or reaffirm vocational directions.
3. To bring together the activities of thinking and serving theologically.
4. To enable students to gain personal confidence as reflective leaders.
5. To experience and understand diverse forms of ministry.
6. To develop and/or refine skills required for ministry.
7. To relate to a mature mentor who will support personal, spiritual, and ministry formation.
8. To build a network of supporting, reflective relationships with other graduate students.
9. To develop an ongoing self assessment process, utilizing self-perception and feedback from others, for the purpose of stimulating further learning and growth.

PREREQUISITES

This Experiential Integration is designed to fall in the later part of the student's seminary experience providing opportunity to apply ministry principles and practices learned in the classroom setting directly into the ministry setting. Students will normally have successfully completed *60 credit hours* before entering the Experiential Integration component of their degree.

1. Required 600 level courses must be completed prior to beginning the Experiential Integration including
 - CM 600 Spiritual Formation for Ministry
 - CM 601 Philosophy and Foundation of Ministry and Mission
2. *Outcomes Assessment Evaluation*
 All students must complete the *Outcomes Assessment* Instrument. This is usually done as part of the application process for the M.Div. program. The *Outcomes Assessment Evaluation* will be revisited at the end of the Experiential Integration.

STEPS TO BEGINNING THE EXPERIENTIAL INTEGRATION

Step one

- Meet with the faculty supervisor for Experiential Integration (Interim-Tony Schnare) to discuss the process. Included will be discussion around
 - registration process
 - length and structure of the Experiential integration
 - selecting a field supervisor
 - selecting a secondary field supervisor if necessary
 - selecting an Experiential Integration location
- Request the DVD and CD-ROM for the Experiential Integration (note: this is included in the registration fee, however, if students do not register for the Experiential Integration, they will be charged \$50 For the CD/DVD)

Step two

- Select a potential ministry site and a potential field supervisor.
- Ask your potential field supervisor to carefully read the *Guidelines for Field Supervisors* and submit the *Request for Field Supervisor Approval* form (both on the CD-ROM unless he or she has already received approval).
- Select a potential secondary field supervisor if necessary.
- Receive approval for your field supervisor (and secondary field supervisor if necessary).

Step three (after the field supervisor has been approved)

- Complete the application form (below) and begin the process of enrolment in RD704 Experiential Integration—this is done through the seminary office.
- Watch the “*Defining the Student’s Needs*” section of the DVD with your field supervisor and define the type of Experiential Integration necessary for you.
- Confirm the potential dates of the Experiential Integration.
- Compose a *Learning Covenant* in collaboration with your field supervisor and watch the “*How to Compose A Learning Covenant*” section of the DVD before you do so. The *Learning Covenant* will serve as a guide and schedule to the experiences you will receive during the

Experiential Integration and must be submitted to and date-stamped at the latest by the seminary office by the end of the first week of the Experiential Integration. Students and field supervisors are strongly advised to compose the *Learning Covenant* before the Experiential Integration begins. There will be no extensions for this assignment.

- Make sure to include all information in the *Learning Covenant*—all church information, all addresses and email addresses, primary supervisor information (and secondary if applicable), etc.
- The *Learning Covenant* must include a job description for the Experiential Integration (see job description worksheet later in this manual). Normally, after review, job descriptions require some revision prior to approval.

Step Four

- Work through the remainder of the *Experiential Integration* manual and DVD with your field supervisor prior to beginning the experience.
- **Remember, the *Learning Covenant* must be completed and sent to the seminary office by the end of the first week of the Experiential Integration at the latest.**

SELECTING A MINISTRY SITE

The church plant, established congregation, mission, hospital or parachurch organization provides a setting for hands-on involvement under the guidance of an experienced field supervisor. Students should prayerfully select a ministry situation

- that is a healthy ministry context
- where the field supervisor meets the educational and experiential qualifications
- where the field supervisor is capable and available as a positive mentor
- that provides opportunity for a variety of ministry experiences

See a sample list of ministry sites in the resource section of the manual.

GRADING

The Experiential Integration will graded as pass/fail. Students must complete all components as indicated in the Experiential Integration manual before a grade of pass is assigned. This will be communicated to the seminary registrar and the student.

**Briercrest College and Seminary
RD704 Ministry Experiential Integration
Application Form**

This form must be submitted to the seminary office to enrol in RD704. Please complete all information.

Student's name _____

Student's seminary box number _____

Student's email address _____

Place of Ministry Experiential Integration _____

Name of approved field supervisor _____

Name of secondary field supervisor (if applicable) _____

Check List – make sure all these things are completed before submitting this application

- Meet with faculty supervisor
- Request CD-ROM and DVD
- Field supervisor is approved
- Ministry context is confirmed

Reminder: the *Learning Covenant* must be completed and sent to the seminary office by the end of the first week of the Experiential Integration at the latest. This is required for registration.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please submit this form to:

**Briercrest College and Seminary Experiential Integration
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