

# Student Ministry Handbook 2022

#### Dear CCBS Student,

Since their inception in the US in the latter part of the 1880's, Bible Colleges have always purposed to train students for practical Christian ministry. Historically, classroom knowledge has been accompanied by practical Christian experience that allows for ministry skills development while receiving biblical instruction. Carolina College of Biblical Studies is in keeping with the historical purpose of Bible Colleges as one of the requirements for graduation is the fulfillment of the necessary Student Ministry points.

A Student Ministry can be completed in a wide variety of settings. Students may serve in a local church as a pastor, youth pastor, Sunday School teacher, choir member, or any number of other ways. Another way to serve is through short-term missions trips locally or abroad. Furthermore, community service may be offered in food service banks, rescue missions, and similar settings. Students may change or continue in the same ministries throughout the duration of earning the proper number of points.

A Student Ministry point is earned through three easy steps:

- 1. <u>Approval</u> If there is any question concerning an approved ministry, please submit an emailed description of the anticipated ministry by the end of Week One to the Student Ministry Coordinator.
- 2. <u>Action</u> Under the direction of a supervisor, invest at least 25 hours of ministry throughout each semester in which a student is enrolled.
- 3. <u>Assessment</u> Two online forms are completed by the end of the appropriate semester (Self-Assessment and Supervisor forms).

### Student Ministry Philosophy

The purpose of Student Ministry is to provide practical, hands-on ministry experiences to train you for a lifetime of fruitful service and ministry. At CCBS, a student ministry is required of all students as an integral part of the academic program and a critical aspect of the complete learning process. It is a commitment to helping you integrate what you are learning in the classroom with real life. Whatever ministry God puts on your heart is a possibility. Examples include children's ministry, youth ministry, senior citizens ministry, evangelism ministry, discipleship ministry, helping the needy, or numerous others. The goal is to enable you to gain valuable experience.

## **Student Ministry Objectives**

Upon completing the required student ministry points, each student should be able to meet these objectives.

- Assimilate course content with practical Christian ministry
- Display personal characteristics appropriate to servant-leaders
- Demonstrate spiritual gifts, talents, and abilities appropriate to servant-leadership
- Implement recommendations offered from spiritual mentors and supervisors
- Apply an increased range of Christian service experiences

## The Student Ministry Requirements

Associates of Arts - Three semesters (points) of Student Ministry Bachelor of Arts - Six semesters (points) of Student Ministry Master of Arts - Three semesters (points) of Student Ministry

#### Expectations of the Student:

- 1. The student will serve faithfully in substantive ways throughout the semester.
- 2. The student will approach the ministry position with an enthusiastic, teachable spirit.
- 3. The student will contact their supervisor and/or Student Ministry Coordinator if any problem arises.

### Expectations of the Supervisor:

- 1. The supervisor will provide adequate orientation to the ministry requirements.
- 2. The supervisor will consistently provide personal supervision and discuss perceived strengths and weaknesses in an attitude of loving training.
- 3. The supervisor will make a personal commitment to help train the student in ministry experience.
- 4. The supervisor may contact the Student Ministry Coordinator if any problem arises.

## Criteria for Approved Student Ministry

- A Supervisor
- An investment of 25 hours per semester
- A ministry in a local church or a community outreach
- Approval by the end of Week One
- Completion of Student Ministry
- Assessment of Student Ministry by supervisor and student in completing online forms
- Receive a point for the Student Ministry as indicated in Populi (see below)

