



**CANADIAN
THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY**
Alliance University College

IM 712 Internship (3 credits)
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Course Description

Internship is an integral part of preparation for ministry. It provides the intern with an extended, in-depth, full-time (in some cases part-time as approved by the Director of Field Education) practice of ministry for the purpose of integrating classroom input with field experience. The internship experience provides an overview of various forms of ministry and all facets of a local church/para-church organizations but the primary focus is on the intern as a disciple in development and on the pastor-mentor as a teacher leader. In addition, internship seeks to provide interns with a working relationship with another person in ministry rather than just a place to carry out practical Christian service. The actual internship will usually take place in May or September for duration of 3 months full-time and may be extended. There is a mandatory internship orientation meeting in (prior) September for all potential internship students and an interview with the Director of Field Education in October/November.

Course Objectives

By the end of the course, the learner should be able to:

1. Explore and evaluate their personal identity as a ministering part of the Body of Christ;
2. Discover the areas of their greatest personal effectiveness within the ministry of the church;
3. Evaluate lifestyle issues and ways of relating to others as they affect personal growth and ministry;
4. Assess the attitudes and values they hold vis-à-vis people, ministry, culture, and life in general;
5. Measure their ability to relate to their fellow workers and to the programs of the church/para-church organization;
6. Analyse a ministry situation and set realistic goals and strategies to meet the needs discovered in the analysis;
7. Evaluate ministry involvement in terms of personal growth, progress toward goals, effectiveness of methods, strengths and weakness, etc.;
8. Integrate more fully their theological and doctrinal points of view with practical experience.

Prerequisites of Internship/Important Dates

- Course Prerequisites (see page 3)
- Minimum GPA 2.0
- Police Check
- Internship Orientation Meeting- September
- Faculty approval for internship and by Director of Field Education- February
- In good standing with the Finance office before internship begins

Required Text

- Required reading will be decided by the mentor
- Internship Manual
- Internship Fee of \$100. This is to cover administrative cost and will be billed to your student account.

Course Requirements and Grades

Evaluation of IM 712 is Pass/Fail. The grade is determined by the Mentor and the Director of Field Education. All of the assignments below must be completed before a passing mark will be given.

Assessments

The intern must fill out all the following assessments and send it to the Director of Field Education: learning contract, first assessment, mid-point assessment, and the final assessments. The due dates of the assessment can be found in the Internship Manual. The mentor must fill out the following assessments: learning contract in conjunction with the intern, mid-point assessment, and the final assessments. The due date of the assessments can be found in the Internship Manual. A lay-consultant will also do a final assessment.

Debriefing Interview

Following the internship, the intern must make an appointment with the Director of Field Education for the purposes of: 1) debriefing and reflecting on the internship; 2) to follow up on matters that arise from the internship; and 3) to discuss the final assessment and grade.

Internship Process

- Internship will be done at the same time with WM 705 “Mentoring for Intercultural Effectiveness” (Charlie Cook)
- Student looks for internship site and mentor
- Director of Field Education and the Chair of the the Intercultural Ministries Department approve the internship (remember it needs to be cross cultural in nature)
- Chair of the the Intercultural Ministries Department interacts with students on syllabus for WM 705
- Director of Field Education interact with students on Internship Learning contract and assessments
- Do the Internship and WM 705
- Debrief with Director of Field Education after internship

Responsibilities of the Internship Site

- Supervise internship and do the assessments
- Student and internship site need to work out the financial arrangements. The internship site should be in charge of ministry expenses and consider giving the intern a love offering.

Other Important Information

- When you start internship you will be billed for the credits when you start and you have to pay for the credits or you will be charged interest

Prerequisites for Internship

The following prerequisites must be successfully completed by the end of the Winter semester before an internship can be considered:

MDiv

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling

ED 501 Teaching and Discipleship Making

PR 701 Expository Preaching

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

PT 601 Theology and Practice of Worship

PT 610 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

MDiv (IM)

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling *or* PT 610 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

ED 501 Teaching and Discipleship Making

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

PR 701 Expository Preaching

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

MA (IM)

CC 610 Interpersonal and Intercultural Communication

ED 501 Teaching and Discipleship Making

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

MA (LM)

ED 501 Teaching and Discipleship Making

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

PT 710 Ministry Values and Practice