



# D-SOM

## ***Northern New England District School of Ministry***

**Equipping and Training for Ministry**



**2009 - 2010 Academic Catalog**

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### **Offering You**

- *An avenue to ministry preparation*
- *An opportunity for continuing education and training*
- *A chance to network relationally with others across our District*
- *A time for personal spiritual growth and development*

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Dear student,

It is my joy to welcome you to the Northern New England District School of Ministry. We are honored that you have joined a learning community engaged in developing skills and knowledge for an effective ministry. There are several reasons to continue your education and ministry preparation.

1. If we take our calling seriously, we have a responsibility to grow in our understanding of God's Word and our ability to minister in the church. The people we minister too, will grow proportionately to our level of growth.
2. We are called to be a life-long learner (2 Timothy 2:15). The day we stop learning is the day we stop growing.
3. If we expect to remain relevant in this rapidly changing culture we must continue to refine our skills. Ministering to today's issues are more complex than it was a generation ago.
4. Formal classroom and distant education settings hold the learner accountable. Disciplines are learned and maintained.
5. Continuing your education can open new doors of ministry.

D-SOM has been designed to meet the needs of busy church leaders. Using Berean School of the Bible (a Division of Global University) curriculum in combination with a classroom setting we want to offer a fresh perspective for your ministry. Our partnership with Berean offers the student the best - exceptional curriculum and the practical wisdom of experienced instructors at little or no additional cost.

Wherever you may be in your spiritual journey, NNED-SOM is committed to a process that will enable leaders to think biblically, strategically, and creatively in preparing you for ministry in a complex world.

Gregg Randall  
District Secretary and Treasurer





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## General Information

The Northern New England District School of Ministry is a vital support to the ministry endeavor of churches and pastors. Combining both classroom knowledge with experience, D-SOM is a valuable tool that the Holy Spirit can use to equip those called to ministry. Clergy and laypersons who understand not only “what to do” but “why to do it” will be far more effective than those who “just do it.”

D-SOM integrates spiritual formation, relationship building, and academic achievement to provide a unique learning experience. Students will not only acquire knowledge necessary for obtaining credentials, but will also develop character and the skills essential for effective ministry.

The Northern New England District School of Ministry exists to provide training for those who sense a call to ministry, whether as credentialed ministers of the Assemblies of God or as equipped laypersons within the local church. Our school seeks to promote a unified purpose for ministry within the Fellowship, providing doctrinal and practical instruction, based upon common core values and shared ministry goals.

## Statement of Purpose

Subscribing fully to the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, NNED-SOM is committed to proclaiming and supporting the principles and polity of the Assemblies of God. Additionally, our school commits itself to provide training courses that meet District and General Council educational requirements for ministerial credentials.

## Endorsement and Accreditation

The Northern New England District School of Ministry is recognized and endorsed by the Executive Presbytery Board of the General Council of the Assemblies of God as a District-Based Bible Institute. NNED-SOM is a member of the Association of Assemblies of God District Schools of Ministry.

## Structure

The District School of Ministry (D-SOM) combines independent self-study with classroom opportunity. Classroom participation is a key component of our D-SOM. Students spend 10-15 hours in pre-class self-study using an independent study text. The class meets for five hours on one Saturday for additional instruction and discussion to complete the course work. A final exam completes the follow up process of the course. This exam can be taken home or completed on-line.



Learning center locations are rotated between five geographic locations within our District to enable greater opportunity for the classroom experience. Each learning center hosts three Berean courses (one at each credential level). Courses are taught by District officers, Presbyters, and seasoned pastors with expertise and experience in the field of study.

Our D-SOM has partnered with Berean School of the Bible, a division of Global University, to offer you the best of both - exceptional curriculum and the practical wisdom of experienced instructors at little or no additional cost. D-SOM is not the same as a Berean Study Center, in that our partnership with Berean allows us to replace the collateral reading text and assignments with classroom instruction. Independently enrolled Berean students are able to participate in our D-SOM. D-SOM students are able to take additional courses through Berean by correspondence.



## Student Policies

1. Students are required to register no less than eight (8) weeks prior to class date for the course chosen.
2. Students are required to read the Independent Study Text (guide) and complete all questions. These are not collected but does prepare the student for the final exam.
3. Students are required to complete a project called “*Pass It On.*” This “*Pass It On*” will be collected at the beginning of the class. This is a required assignment.
4. Students are required to attend the five (5) hour class session. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete or loss of credit.
5. Students are expected to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to start of class. Classes start at 9:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM.
6. Students are responsible for their own travel, lodging and lunch.
7. Students auditing class only are not required to purchase texts or complete assignments and exam.
8. Students can be enrolled in both a course with Berean School of the Bible and a course through D-SOM. Courses must be completed according to the each school’s guideline for the enrolled course.
9. Students already holding ordination credentials may audit any course for free. Text books, if desired, cost extra. Pre enrolling is still required.

## Registration Guidelines

- Enroll by completing the enrollment form. Either mail to NNED-SOM, PO Box 611, Portland, Maine 04104 or Fax to (207) 878-2779.
- Payment must accompany the enrollment form. Make checks payable to NNED or include credit card information on the enrollment form.
- Deadline for enrollment is eight (8) weeks prior to scheduled class. Earlier enrollment assists us in preparing class size and material mailing.
- Enroll for only one (1) course per scheduled class date.
- Enroll for as many courses in advance as you would like or enroll one course at a time. **New:** Enroll by semester and receive a 10% discount.
- An insufficient number of students enrolled in a course will result in cancellation. Minimum number of students enrolled in course is three (3).

## Disclaimers

1. Student tuition and materials are not refundable or transferable. If a cancellation occurs as result of DSOM, students are provided option of a refund or transfer of their tuition to another course .
2. Courses completed through NNED-SOM will be conducted by NNED-SOM. Exams and transcripts will be issued by Berean School of the Bible, a division of Global University, in partnership with NNED-SOM.
3. Courses completed through NNED-SOM meet the educational requirements of The General Council of the Assemblies of God for the respective credential level. Diplomas and transcripts are issued by Berean School of the Bible.
4. A diploma through NNED-SOM and Berean School of the Bible does not guarantee an Assemblies of God ministerial credential. Credentialing is a separate process.

# D-SOM 2009-2010 CALENDAR

**Class time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**One Hour Lunch Break (On Your Own)**

## **FALL SEMESTER**

### **Saturday, August 15, 2009**

District Office, Portland, ME

- Level 1 (Certified): BIB112 Synoptic Gospels
- Level 2 (Licensed): MIN251 Effective Leadership
- Level 3 (Ordained): BIB313 The Corinthian Correspondence

### **Saturday, September 12, 2009**

Windham A/G, Windham, ME

- Level 1 (Certified): THE142 A/G History, Missions & Governance
- Level 2 (Licensed): THE211 Introduction to Theology
- Level 3 (Ordained): THE311 Prayer & Worship

### **Saturday, October 10, 2009**

First A/G, Auburn, NH

- Level 1 (Certified): MIN181 Relationships & Ethics (Dist. Seminar)
- Level 2 (Licensed): MIN281 Conflict Management (Dist Seminar)
- Level 3 (Ordained): MIN381 Pastoral Ministry (Dist. Seminar)

### **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

First A/G, Auburn, NH

- Level 1 (Certified): THE114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine
- Level 2 (Licensed): BIB214 Old Testament Survey
- Level 3 (Ordained): BIB318 The Pentateuch

### **Saturday, December 5, 2009**

District Office, Portland, ME

- Level 1 (Certified): BIB115 Acts: The Holy Spirit in Believers
- Level 2 (Licensed): MIN261 Introduction to Missions

## **SPRING SEMESTER**

### **Saturday, March 13, 2010**

District Office, Portland, ME

- Level 1 (Certified): THE142 A/G History, Missions & Governance
- Level 2 (Licensed): BIB215 Romans: Justification By Faith
- Level 3 (Ordained): BIB322 The Poetic Books

### **Saturday, April 10, 2010**

First A/G, Auburn, NH

- Level 1 (Certified): BIB117 Prison Epistles
- Level 2 (Licensed): MIN223 Introduction to Homiletics
- Level 3 (Ordained): MIN327 Church Admin., Finance & Law

### **Saturday, May 8, 2010**

Windham A/G, Windham, ME

- Level 1 (Certified): BIB121 Introduction to Hermeneutics
- Level 2 (Licensed): THE245 Eschatology
- Level 3 (Ordained): MIN325 Preaching in Contemporary World

### **Saturday, June 12, 2010**

District Office, Portland, ME

- Level 1 (Certified): MIN123 The Local Church in Evangelism
- Level 2 (Licensed): BIB212 New Testament Survey



# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## Level I (Certificate of Ministry)

### BIB 112 Synoptic Gospels: The Life and Teachings of Christ

A study of the life and teachings of Christ based on Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

### THE 114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

An examination of the four cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God: Salvation, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Healing, and the Second Coming of Christ.

### BIB 115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers

A thorough study of the content, purposes, principles, and applications of Acts. The course emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church and today.

### BIB 117 Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon

A practical study of the principles Paul wrote to the churches during his imprisonment.

### BIB 121 Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible

An introductory course on the principles for interpreting Scripture. It summarizes the need for hermeneutical principles, and explores the qualifications, tools, and goals of a biblical interpreter.

### THE 142 Assemblies of God History, Missions, and Governance

A study of the historical development of the Assemblies of God, the history of the missions movement in the Assemblies of God, and the ecclesiastical governance of the Fellowship.

### MIN 123 The Local Church In Evangelism

A biblical study that includes practical applications. Emphasis of course is devoted to the evangelistic responsibility of all believers and instruction concerning effective personal evangelism.

### MIN 181 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry (District Required Seminar)

A biblical approach to the relationships that are important to the minister, both personally and professionally. This course examines relationships and ethics in view of the minister's personal growth, ministry challenges, people in the community, and others.

### MIN 191 Beginning Ministerial Internship

(To be done on your own through Berean School of the Bible.)



## Level II (License to Preach)

### THE 211 Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective

The course provides a complete study of the “Statement of Fundamental Truths” of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

### BIB 212 New Testament Survey

A survey course giving the student background for understanding, teaching, and applying the principles of the New Testament.

### BIB 214 Old Testament Survey

A practical approach to the Old Testament, this course gives students material they can use in teaching and preaching.

### BIB 215 Romans: Justification By Faith

An in-depth study of Romans. It focuses on Paul’s systematic explanation of the gospel to the Romans and offers insight into the doctrines of sin, salvations, and sanctification.

### MIN 223 Introduction to Homiletics

A basic study of the principles of Christian preaching. The course emphasizes biblical exposition and deals with practical matters such as preparation of sermons, the sources of materials, the construction of sermon components, the variety of sermon types, and the delivery of sermons.

### THE 245 Eschatology

A biblical study of the end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the Second Coming of Christ.

### MIN 251 Effective Leadership

A biblical approach to the principles of leadership.

### MIN 261 Introduction to A/G Missions

An introductory course in the science of missions. Special emphasis is given on recent developments, crucial issues, current trends, and missions as they are carried out through national and local churches.

### MIN 281 Conflict Management for Church Leaders (District Required Seminar)

A biblical approach to conflict resolution. It offers practical principles for resolving the conflict in a manner that is pleasing to God.

### .MIN 291 Intermediate Ministerial Internship

(To be done on your own through Berean School of the Bible.)



## Level III (Ordination)

### **THE 311 Prayer and Worship**

An overview of the biblical teaching on prayer and worship leads to practical considerations for cultivating intimacy with Christ in every aspect of life, from personal, private prayer to corporate celebration.

### **BIB 313 The Corinthian Correspondence**

A study of 1 and 2 Corinthians, providing the student with truths for teaching and preaching as well as practical assistance in dealing with the issues of facing today's church.

### **BIB 318 The Pentateuch**

A study of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy with a practical approach that will provide preaching and teaching material.

### **BIB 323 The Poetic Books**

A Study of the five books of poetry and wisdom – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. These books cover issues like suffering, parenting, and the fear of the Lord, teaching us how to live.

### **MIN 325 Preaching in the Contemporary World**

The purpose of this course is to help preachers present life-changing messages that connect with the world around them. The course will also examine the post-modern culture and offer help in making messages relevant to the needs and concerns of this audience.

### **MIN 327 Church Administration, Finance, and Law**

An introductory study of many principles, procedures, and techniques used in today's business world as they apply to the local church. Attention is given to organizing and staffing functions. The course looks at legal issues confronting pastors and churches today.

### **MIN 381 Pastoral Ministry (District Required Seminar)**

This course examines the ministry of the pastor in three areas: preparation, responsibilities, and relationships. This is a principle-centered study to lay a life-long foundation for the pastoral ministry.

### **MIN 391 Advanced Ministerial Internship**

(To be done on your own through Berean School of the Bible.)

## Study Center Locations

**Northern New England District A/G Office**  
**501 Riverside Street**  
**Portland, Maine**  
**(exit 48, I-95)**



**First Assembly of God**  
**45 Miles Drive**  
**Auburn, New Hampshire**  
**(off Route 101)**

**Windham Assembly of  
God Ministries**  
**1051 Roosevelt Trail**  
**Windham, Maine**  
**(Route 302)**





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