

# MISSIONAL PRAXIS

Online Associate Certificate

## **MERGING FAITH, CAREER & MISSION**

God designed us for mission. What is Your Mission?





100% Online, 24/7

5 Eight Week Terms 6 Missional Core Values

Jesus sends all of his followers into the world to serve in the mission of God. Christian believers have the privilege of joining that mission – working alongside God in his work in our world. And God designed each of us for a unique mission to impact those around us. But how can we know what our mission is and how can we understand what God is calling us to do?

Upon completing the Associate Certificate in Missional Praxis, you will be able to discern God at work in your neighborhood and community and have the skills and resources to follow Jesus into your world as a messenger of hope, healing, restoration, and renewal.

The Associate Certificate in Missional Praxis answers five questions:

- What is the mission of God in our world, and what is my role in it?
- How do I grow spiritually, help other Christians to grow spiritually, and join other believers in engaging my community?
- How do I share my faith in a conversational, non-confrontational way?
- How do I equip myself and others to embody the message and image of Jesus in my community?
- How do I live out my unique calling from God and equip other believers to do the same?

The Associate Certificate is designed for high school juniors and above. The certificate consists of 15 credit hours. It may be completed in as little as 10 months (during 5 eight week academic terms) or may be spread out over 24 months.

FIVE REQUIRED COURSES: 15 CREDIT HOURS

# **Introducing the Faculty**



#### **Dr. Terry Coy** (PhD, Southwestern) Professor of Theology & Culture Church Planter Management Specialist

Originally growing up in Chile, Dr. Coy has served in church planting roles as a consultant, strategist and State Director of Missions in Texas. He has taught in theological institutions in the United States and Chile.



#### Prof. David Brazzeal (MA, Southwestern)

Instructor in Missional Arts Prayer & Spiritual Formation Specialist

Professor Brazzeal has served missionally among visual artists and musicians in Brazil, Canada and France. His book, *Praying Like a Gourmet*, discusses a unique approach to spiritual soul care developed over 30 years of international mission.



#### Dr. Curt Watke (PhD, Southwestern) President of Missional University Professor of Missiology & Evangelism Missional History Specialist

Dr. Watke has taught pastors and denominational leaders on three continents and has served as a missional professor at six theological institutions in the United States and Canada.



#### Dr. Matthew Murphy (DMin, George Fox)

Professor of Missional Living Missional Community Specialist

Dr. Murphy has a deep experience in living missional in postmodern communities in the northeastern United States. He and his family's experience in developing missional communities that engage their neighborhoods through presence and hospitality has greatly impacted other families and communities.



#### Dr. John Brittain (PhD, New Orleans)

Professor of Missional Disciplemaking Church Health Specialist

Dr. Brittan has served as a Director of Missions among churches in Maryland and Missouri, and has taught at several seminaries with a focus on discipleship, Christian education and church health.

## **Courses in Missional Praxis**

#### THM1000 Exploring the Mission of God

A survey of *Missio Dei*, the Mission of God, explores Salvation History through the redemptive vision of God. The student will learn how God is reconciling all of creation unto himself in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Students will also observe God at work through His people in mission.

#### ELD1000 Introduction to Missional Spirituality

This course explores the spiritual dimension of missional engagement in the post-Christendom world. Students discover practical and creative ways of deepening their personal spirituality allowing more engagement with not-yet Christians and the development of authentic missional community. Resources will include readings, video interviews with practitioners, creative spiritual practices, real-life experimentation and weekly Q & A reports.

## MIS1100 Exploring Worldview in Christian Witness

Exploration of an approach to worldview study and a dialogical method to sharing your faith at a personal level, beginning with a clear understanding of Christian mission. Considers how understanding another person's worldview through asking excellent questions will lead to a variety of approaches to evangelism in the context of diverse 21st century cultures.

## MLV1000 Introduction to Missional Living

This course will focus on living as a disciple in every area of life. Missional is a ministry buzz word but few know how to live it. This course gives students a clear definition of missional, best practices to living a missional life, and a template to apply God's Mission into any context in which the student lives.

#### ELD2200 Disciplemaking Essentials

Examines the basic essentials and disciplines of transformational disciplemaking. Students will be exposed to the classic Great Commission scriptures for the purpose of developing a biblical base and strengthen their theological position toward making disciples, then design a personal plan of pursuing life utilizing a more effective disciplemaking strategy.