

# MISSIONAL PRAXIS



Online Undergraduate 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 Undergraduate 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 Undergraduate 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 my family 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 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.

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#### Courses in Missional Praxis

## THM3400 Introduction to Missional Theology

Examines the biblical-theological foundations of God's plan for global redemption throughout the Old and New Testament. The student will explore the eternal purpose of God for humanity, the state of those who have not heard the gospel, and the application of the missional mandate to various cultures.

## ELD3000 Mission-Shaped Spirituality & Soul Care

This course explores the spiritual dimension of missional engagement in the post-Christendom world. Students will create a personal spiritual development (or soul care) plan for their selves, their team and engaging a wider community. Resources will include readings, video interviews with practitioners, creative spiritual practices, and the development of a spiritual development plan.

#### MIS3400 Worldview for Christian Witness

This class will enable you to develop an ethnographic approach to understanding the worldviews of non-Christians. You will create an ethnography based on personal interviews focused on a specific cultural group you wish to explore. This ethnography will lead to a variety of approaches for sharing your faith in the context of diverse 21st century cultures. The study of a conversational method will enable you to customize your approach based on the worldview of your audience.

#### MLV3000 Living as a Family on Mission

When God started his narrative of redemption for humanity through Israel, he called Abram and his family and put them on mission together. The goal of this course is to provide the framework of how God is continuing to use the family as a primary community to embody his message and image to local neighborhoods.

### **ELD3110** Foundations of Mission-Shaped Disciplemaking

So what is the essence of following Jesus into the world? Since Jesus has sent each of us to join in serving in the mission of God, how do each of us uniquely live that out, and how do we equip other believers to do the same? The course engages the topic around the biblical themes of redemption, reconciliation, restoration, and renewal. Students move beyond a one-sided, soul-centered gospel to living out faith in context -- growing as a culture maker in the image of Christ while being a disciple-maker. Mission-shaped disciplemaking embraces the new life for all creation that Jesus brings -- restoring the environment, renewing cultures and remaking peoples by offering healing and hope.

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