



Uwharrie Missional Center

*A Contextualized Leadership
Development Center of
Golden Gate Baptist
Theological Seminary*

A diploma program that equips men and women to . . .

- ✧ walk more closely with God,*
- ✧ understand more clearly the heart of the Christian faith,*
- ✧ develop a passion for fulfilling Christ's great commission,*
- ✧ strengthen God-given gifts to serve and equip others, and*
- ✧ minister effectively to people of all cultures.*

Class Schedules

Classes for the Uwharrie Missional Center will be scheduled when and where students and instructors prefer. Options for once class every week and every other weekend are available, pending the minimum students sign-up. Semesters are designed that a person can take one class per term and complete the diploma program in 2 years.

- ✧ **January intensive term***
- ✧ **February–April***
- ✧ **June-July intensive term***
- ✧ **September-November***

What is Contextualized Leadership Development?

More than thirty years ago, Golden Gate Seminary recognized that if it was to fulfill its mandate with the Southern Baptist Convention to provide training for effective leadership in the churches of the West, then graduate level programs in English would not be enough to address the needs of those churches. Training would need to be offered at the post-high school level, in languages most useful to the churches, at sites close to the churches and at a cost affordable to the students. Begun first in the early 1980's in partnership with the North American Missions Board of the SBC, Ethnic Leadership Development (as CLD was then called) offered basic training to Christian leaders for church planting, evangelism, and ministry.

This training was to be done locally, affordably, at a post-high school level, in the language of the students, in a manner approved by Golden Gate's faculty, and consistent with reaching people through local churches.

What is the Uwharrie Missional Center (URE-MC)?

The URE Missional Center is a school of training established under a cooperative agreement between Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and the Stanly Baptist Association, approved by the CLD Office and the Office of Academic Affairs of Golden. Our center focuses on (1) training laity for mission in the world and (2) providing local, practical ministry training for ethnic and small church leaders through offering approved diploma programs with an excellent faculty.

DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (DCM)

Program Mission Statement

The Diploma in Christian Ministry (DCM) is offered at a pre-baccalaureate level, and consists of seven required courses plus one elective course. These courses constitute basic training in Christian thinking, living, and leading for persons entering ministry in or through a local church.

Sources and Origins

CLS 1114 **Old Testament Survey** - 3 hours

An introduction to the content, background, and criticism of the Old Testament (OT). Covering the Books of Moses, Historical Books, Writings (Psalms, Proverbs, etc.) and the Prophets, major and minor: the entire Old Testament.

CLS 1314 **New Testament Survey** - 3 hours

An introduction to the background, content and criticism of the New Testament (NT). Covering the Gospels, Acts, the epistles, general and Pauline, and Revelation: the entire New Testament.

Course learning outcomes: OT and NT Surveys: Develop a working knowledge of the Scriptures as a foundation to achieve the above Diploma Objectives and facilitate faithful interpretation and application of Scripture.

Life and Thought

CLL 1113 **Baptist History and Polity** - 3 hours

Covers the emergence of the Baptist Movement within a context of the English Reformation, Baptist emergence in the United States. What and how Baptist doctrine and polity expresses itself in the functions and forms of churches, constitutions, associations, conventions and agencies.

This course emphasizes the history and state of Southern Baptist (SBC) life relative to the cultural context of the CLD center, which is offering the course. (Conceptual understanding goals: beginnings and tasks of associations and conventions, Philadelphia Baptist Confession, the Triennial Convention, the 1845 origin of the SBC, convention versus society, the Cooperative Program, and the emerging ethnic diversity of the SBC in churches and missions.)

CLL 1212 **Christian Theology** Intro: Christology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology - 3 hours

An introduction of Christian Theology surveying the doctrines of Christ, Salvation, the Spirit, the Church, and Eschatology including an additional focus on the ethical implications of Christian thought and practice.

Leadership Skills Formation

CLP 1111 **Ministry Foundations** - 3 hours

An entry course designed to assist students developing the necessary personal, spiritual, and ministerial foundations for life-long ministry. Students will engage in assessment of their gifts and passions in ministry and will encounter some basic approaches to effective ministry such as strategic, financial and physical planning for ministry, communication and relational skills; and team and staff building.

CLP 1411 **Communicating the Gospel: Preaching and Teaching that Transforms** - 3 hours

Covers planning, preparation and presentation skills in preaching and teaching with an emphasis on learning by doing. Also covers learning styles, how to preach and teach for transformation, and how to communicate to different age groups and cultures.

CLI 1351 **Missions, Evangelism and Church Planting** - 3 hours

Covers an understanding of the church as sent by Christ into a lost world and as the church sending itself and its members out into the world locally and globally. Entails a brief history of missions, NAMB (the North American Mission Board) and IMB (International Mission Board), and current missiology. Central to the course is how to lead others to Christ and to teach others to do likewise. Discuss various types of evangelism and their effectiveness in different contexts. Developing personal and groups plans for evangelism. Covers the basics and various methods on when and how to start new churches.

CLP 1313 **Intro to Church Planting** – 3 hours

Introduces various models and approaches to planting multiplying churches, with special attention to Organic Church.

Program Instructors

Instructors for the program will be knowledgeable, experienced Christian leaders with a Masters degree or higher. Instructors will be chosen who are engaged in ministry and have a passion to equip others in mind, body, and spirit.

They will be approved by Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and will have signed an agreement to teach within the scope of the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message.

Program Costs

≈ Enrollment	\$25
≈ Books (estimate)	\$25
≈ Fees per course	\$225

Frequently Asked Questions

Who will benefit from participation in this program?

1. **Those who are involved in church but desire to go deeper in Bible study and using what God has given them.**
2. **Churches in need of mature, well-rounded leaders, teachers, and volunteers.**
3. **Our communities who need committed qualified lay volunteers and leaders.**

What level of education is required to enter the program?

Students should have a high school diploma or GED.

What can I expect from the classes?

1. **Small group learning in an environment that will challenge and encourage you.**
2. **Practical instruction that balances content and application.**
3. **Discovery and development of teaching and leading skills to further God's purposes in you and through you.**

How can I get additional information about the program?

1. **Call the associational office at 704-982-1033 and request a more detailed information packet with a student enrollment application.**
2. **Online at www.stanlybaptist.org/URE.htm**
3. **E-mail halbilbo@gmail.com**