



Fellowship For Today

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Fellowship School of Ministry is:

- To support personal and spiritual development.
- To fulfill the purpose and principles of the Fellowship For Today, creating a learning environment that facilitates:
 - Realization of individual wholeness
 - Building of healthy relationships
 - Intellectual, emotional, physical, community, social and spiritual healing
 - Creation of strong spiritual community and greater spiritual unfolding
 - Development of a personal response to the call to service
- To honor the wisdom teachings and practices of various spiritual paths and religious traditions.

CURRICULUM PHILOSOPHY

1. Students engage in a process that emphasizes the development of intellectual, emotional, physical, social and spiritual awareness. Course work combines theoretical and experiential learning.
2. Achievement of the curriculum competencies is in the hands of each student. Individual students, with their Advisor(s), develop a plan for completion of competencies based on prior personal and spiritual education, work history and experience.
3. Fulfillment of competencies may be granted for studies successfully completed through other schools, work experience, seminars, and workshops related to the curriculum.
4. Emphasis is on Metaphysical/New Thought teachings as expressed through A Course In Miracles, Science of Mind and other New Thought philosophies and universal themes common to all major religious teachings that promote the recognition of One Mind, One Power, One Divine Presence.
5. Establishment of a three-level approach inspired by the stages of consciousness. Level 1 is intended to help students shift from victim consciousness to empowerment. Here students develop practices and structures to support them in the realization of their dreams. Level 2 is intended to shift students from living a personal agenda to living a divine purpose. Here students are growing in sacred service and assisting others in growth and development. Level 3 is intended to shift consciousness from being a vehicle of the Divine to being the full embodiment of the Divine and living in Oneness. Students who successfully complete all three levels qualify for ordination.

LEVEL 1 COMPETENCIES

The Fellowship School of Ministry's focus is on meeting specific competencies versus hours of instruction. Successful completion of Level I is based on *demonstration* of the following competencies.

1. Experiential knowledge of the Fellowship For Today's Guiding Principles and Purpose Statement, as well as New Thought principles.
2. Experiential knowledge of Science of Mind principles, including how to do the five step affirmative prayer/spiritual mind treatment.
3. A declared commitment to spiritual development, and engagement in a personal spiritual practice.
4. An understanding of the self as the source of life experience.
5. Experiential knowledge of and respect for meditation, prayer, chant, visioning, tithing and other similar spiritual practices (as mentioned in the Fellowship For Today Guiding Principles).
6. An experiential understanding of at least three types of Transformational Practices/Healing Modalities and their effects.
7. Completion/presentation of a final project each term.

KEY COMPONENTS of the LEVEL 1 CURRICULUM

Core Classes:

Fall Term:

Principles of New Thought/Fellowship For Today (10 weeks)

Winter Term:

Beyond Limits: Introduction to Science of Mind (10 weeks)

Spring Term:

Five Gifts for an Abundant Life (10 weeks)

Workshops: School of Ministry students may attend other classes/workshops/seminars to fulfill the competencies. Examples include: Byron Katie's The Work, Emotional Freedom Technique, Forgiveness and Breath Workshops, etc. These may be taken at the Fellowship or through other organizations.

Spiritual Practice: Each term students will choose and commit to a different specific spiritual practice (e.g. Prayer, Chanting, Movement, Meditation, Tithing, and Visioning).

Other: Personal and spiritual transformation such as therapy/healing may be required.

November 22, 2011

SCHEDULE

Core Classes are held September – June with breaks in December, July, and August. Workshops and Seminars are to be scheduled by the student at other times. Independent Study is ongoing.

The 2011-2012 Level 1 Class schedule is **Tuesday evenings (7-9 pm Fall and Spring Terms and 6-9 pm Winter Term)**

Fall Term	September 20 th – November 22 nd
Winter Break	December
Winter Term	January 10 th – March 13 th
Spring Break	March 20 th
Spring Term	March 27 th – May 29 th
Graduation	June 2012

ADVISORS

The Advisors assist students in completing his/her competencies. The Advisory Team for each student builds as they progress through the program. Level 1 has one advisor, Level 2 has two, and Level 3 has three. Advisors serve as mentors, coaches, evaluators and advocates. The Advisors play an active role in determining the competency of a student, and recommending him/her for completion of each Level.

ADMISSION AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

Admission to the Fellowship School of Ministry is based on a written application, references, demonstrated commitment and an interview. To become an applicant for admission to the program, you must have fulfilled the following minimum requirements.

- Possess a Bachelor's degree or demonstrate commensurate experience.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the program through:
 - Payment of a \$50.00 non-refundable application fee.
 - Completion of application form.
 - Participation in a personal interview.

Optional – Completion of Fellowship For Today membership form.

It is expected that our students will be actively involved in the Fellowship as a way to learn and understand the intention and energy of spiritual community from the Fellowship For Today perspective. If at all possible, we would love to have you become a member. We understand that you may already be an active member of another congregation and as stated in the Fellowship Guiding Principles: "We respect and search for Truth in all spiritual teachings – individuals can subscribe to our guiding principles and still retain membership in any other group."

APPLICATION TIME-LINE

We are now offering rolling admissions which means that students can enter at the beginning of each term. All required materials must be received by the application deadline. Individual Interviews will be scheduled with each applicant.

Level 1 2011-2012 Application deadlines are:

Fall Term	September 9, 2011
Winter Term	December 20, 2011
Spring Term	March 09, 2012

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- \$50.00 non-refundable application fee due at time of application.
- Students will be responsible for materials required during the program. This includes paper, notebooks, journals, etc. as well as purchasing or borrowing books needed for courses and/or seminars or paying for copied materials. Tuition for Level 1 is \$1,250.00. Students are responsible to create and fulfill their own payment plan (weekly, monthly, by term, etc.) Tuition must be paid in full in order to successfully complete each level.
- Level 2 and Level 3 tuition is \$1500 per level.

Note:

If the cost for the program is an issue for you, please contact us to discuss alternative possibilities. Students who receive such consideration will provide an agreed upon number of hours of service back to the school. The work plan will be determined with the Fellowship For Today Ministry Team.