

BMATS - RE 631 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Foundational Issues
Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary -- Spring 2013

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Textbooks:

Anthony, Michael J. *Introducing Christian Education*. Brazos Press. 2001.
ISBN: 0801022754

Anthony, Michael J., and Warren S. Benson. *Exploring the History and Philosophy of Christian Education: Principles for the 21st Century*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-61097-732-6

Books on Reserve in Library:

Gangel, Kenneth O. and Warren Benson. *Christian Education: History & Philosophy*. Chicago: Moody Press. 1983.

Pazmino, Robert W. *Foundational Issues in Christian Education: An Introduction in Evangelical Perspective*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House. 1988.

Course Description:

A study of the history of religious education from the Jews to contemporary times is made. The various philosophies of Christian education as they have developed are highlighted with emphasis given to the student developing his/her philosophy of Religious Education.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course you should be able:

1. to *describe and discuss* Christian Education at various points in history.
2. to *generate and defend* your own philosophy of Christian Education.
3. to *identify* trends and issues in the practice of Christian Education today.
4. *synthesize* history and philosophy of Christian Education and *assimilate* important

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elements into your teaching.

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Course Assignments: **percentage of final grade**

Attendance and participation in class activities. 10%

Description of Christian Education in:	Old Testament Times.	5%
	New Testament Times	5%
Describe the process of	Early Church	5%
Religious Education during	Middle Ages	5%
each period of time.	Reformation	5%
Who?, what?, when?, and where? (1 - 2 pages for each time period)	Modern Times	5%
Lead Class Discussion on Assigned period.		

Note: After presentation in class place the above assignments together to be graded as the mid-term exam.

Reading log. Critique 10 relevant journal articles. 10%
 Read ten articles about Christian education.
 Record (1) bibliographic information,
 (2) a short summary,
 (3) and a brief personal reaction.

Presentation of your own philosophy of Christian Education. 10%

Research Paper and Presentation. 20%
 Choose an age group - children, youth, adults;
 or a special population - handicapped, ethnic group ,etc.; and write a 12 - 15 page professional paper
 on the practical aspects of Christian education to that group. Any special teaching methods,
 materials, or preparation required should be explained. Also prepare a presentation of your research
 for the class. Include a bibliography for each class member.

Final Exam. 20%

All assignments will be discussed in detail. A schedule of activities will be distributed with due date indicated. The content of this syllabus is subject to revision as announced in regular class periods. Every person is expected to be pro-active in meeting all class responsibilities in a timely and professional manner.

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