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LEAVELL COLLEGE  
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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## **OUR MISSION**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

## **ACCREDITATION**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in Decatur, Georgia.

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - Leavell College - L.S.P. Joan Horner Center Campus is found within the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, Louisiana. The students are offenders incarcerated in the Louisiana Department of Corrections.

## **EXTENSION CENTERS of NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary began undergraduate extension center work in 1978. The Extension Center System is a vital part of the undergraduate educational program of the Seminary. They maintain seventeen undergraduate centers throughout the southeastern United States. Additionally, N.O.B.T.S., in 1995, established an extension center within the maximum security compound of the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, Louisiana. The Extension Center System Office is on the seminary's campus in New Orleans, LA. The current Dean (Dr. Norris Grubbs) serves as Associate Dean of the Extension Center System.

The purpose of the extension centers is to fulfill the purpose of the Seminary by providing a program of quality theological and practical education in the extension centers.

The extension center program is organized on the semester system. Courses extend over a sixteen-week semester and carry one, two, and three semester hours of academic credit. Students may enroll at the beginning of any semester. The Louisiana State Penitentiary - Joan Horner Center offers an Associate in Christian Ministries degree and a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry degree. Also, N.O.B.T.S. recognizes a one year certificate program and is being taught by the Louisiana State Penitentiary graduates under the supervision of the Joan Horner Center Director.

### **History and Organization of L.S.P. Extension Center**

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (N.O.B.T.S.) began classes on September 11, 1995, in Louisiana State Penitentiary (L.S.P.) at Angola, Louisiana. Warden Cain evaluated a prison population with 5,100 offenders; eighty-five percent of these convicted felons would die during incarceration, because the sentences were mostly life or its equivalent for the prisoners. The institution had been under federal court supervision for more than twenty years because of the attempted escapes, suicides, attempted suicides, acts of violence between offenders, and assaults upon the employees by offenders. L.S.P. had been known as the "bloodiest prison in the nation" and the reason stemmed from a lack of hope.



Warden Cain shared his evaluation and his vision with Dr. George Roundtree and Rev. T.W. Terral, Director of Missions for the Judson Baptist Association located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Terral contacted Dr. Landrum P. Leavell, President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dr. Jimmy Dukes, Dean of the N.O.B.T.S. Extension Center System. These Christian administrators planned and organized an extension center for N.O.B.T.S. at Angola. When Dr. Charles "Chuck" Kelley became President of N.O.B.T.S., he strongly encouraged the development of Louisiana State Penitentiary Extension Center and has remained an ardent advocate of the program. The school's first, and only Director until January 1st, 2016, Dr. John H. Robson, was hired in the first semester. In January 2010, the school began its fifteenth year.

#### **Formal Mission Statement of L.S.P. Extension Center:**

The specific purpose of the N.O.B.T.S. Extension Center at L.S.P. is to prepare offender leaders to evangelize their peers within all areas of the prison, and other institutions of the Louisiana Department of Corrections. The Seminary mission focus is not merely to get an education or to give one. It is to educate church leaders. The focus is to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministry. The specific reason that Angola can have an extension center from N.O.B.T.S. is that of the local churches within the prison. *Only because there are established offender churches within the institution was the Seminary willing to allow an extension center. Otherwise, the mission statement of N.O.B.T.S. could not be met within the prison.*

#### **N.O.B.T.S. Inmate Minister Mission Statement**

The mission of an N.O.B.T.S. Inmate Minister is to win unbelievers to Jesus and to equip believers to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministry.

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

Specific goals and objectives include developing an Inmate Ministry Program that can supplement the Chaplain's Department by providing additional discipleship training, new church starts, one on one ministry, counseling, and Christian growth within the prison environment that will nurture hope and cultivate peace in all areas of the institution. Additionally, our graduates are to nurture healthy churches for the offender population.

#### **Measurement of Success:**

The Inmate Ministry Program has spread out over the 18,000 acres of Angola, with interns being mentored by the graduates. Their duties include assistance with delivering death messages to the offender population, counseling their peers who have received notice of the death of a loved one, one on one witnessing to their peers in cells, dorms, recreation yards, treatment center, and every other area of the prison from minimum to maximum security offender living quarters. The Inmate Ministers are allowed to teach, preach, administer the church ordinances of baptism and The Lord's Supper, conduct worship services, prayer meetings, Bible studies, help with offender funerals when the offender is buried on L.S.P. property, do clerk work and other duties of the Chaplain's Department under the supervision of a chaplain, participate in choirs, and organize their own churches under the guidelines and regulations of the Department of Corrections.



The Louisiana Department of Corrections has implemented a missionary program designed to take Louisiana State Penitentiary Extension Center graduates and use them in DOC prison facilities throughout the state. These inmate missionaries work under the direction and supervision of the chaplains in each facility to enhance the religious programs for the offender population. The graduates develop and facilitate faith-based discipleship training courses and assist the chaplains with worship services, prayer meetings, Bible studies, one on one ministry visitations, and other duties designated by supervising chaplains.

The program addresses specific offender problems and needs while operating within the American Correctional Association (A.C.A.) policies, principles, and the departmental regulations, rules, guidelines, and directives. They live under the same conditions and supervision as those peers to whom they minister on a daily basis. Most important is the fact that they are accepted and recognized by their peers as religious leaders who can provide spiritual needs and instill the hope required to maintain peace and tranquility within the prison environment.

Other measures of success include a noticeable increase in church attendance and church activities, Bible studies, baptisms by inmate ministers, while there is a significant decrease in offender complaints, grievances, confrontations, attempted suicides and escapes, violence, disciplinary problems, and moral problems. The Louisiana State Penitentiary has been released from federal court supervision after maintaining accreditation from the A.C.A. for several years.

#### **Financial Success:**

The entire program has been sponsored and financed by the Greater Baton Rouge Baptist Association, the Louisiana Baptist Convention, the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, with donations from the offender students and various offender organizations and clubs. The institution has only provided classroom space for the students and maintained security supervision of the program.

#### **Program Impact:**

While evaluating is in the early stages of the impact the program can have on reducing the offender rate of return, faith-based programs in other states have proven to reduce the recidivism rate significantly. Louisiana has established legislation to monitor faith-based programs and they are now compiling statistics to study this and other programs for their impact on recidivism. The impact on prison violence and conduct of the offenders has been notable with prison violence reduced 74%. Disciplinary actions are significantly reduced and attendance for religious functions has greatly increased.

The program definitely increases the offenders' educational levels by providing college degrees to the offenders who enroll in the program. This is an ongoing program with continuous participation opportunities as graduation and completion by the current students provide openings.

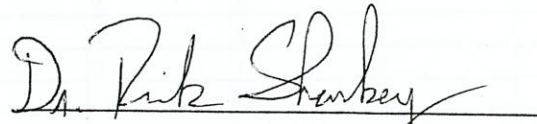
While the mission of the program is to educate and prepare the participants to evangelize their peers within the prison environment, it certainly does increase the marketability for employment of offenders once released. It provides a college degree which can be used in various employment opportunities, including pastoring, counseling, teaching, or other job skills.

Participants in the program will increase their cognitive and life skills. They can use the education to change their own moral and spiritual values. It will increase their ability to make positive decisions in negative situations. It will certainly enhance their chances of remaining law abiding citizens in society.

Family members have been integrated into the program by invitation to the graduation ceremonies, attendance in worship services and faith-based programs, and through individual visitation, correspondence, and other means of communication with the participants. Family members have experienced the changes the program has made in their loved one. Families have been reconciled with their offender members through the results seen in the individual changes caused by the program.

The following is a list of degrees awarded by NOBTS.

Faith-Based Certificate Program	474
Associate Degree in Christian Ministry	264
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian Ministry	259
TOTAL NUMBER OF SEMINARY GRADUATES	259



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LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY  
ANGOLA, LOUISIANA

MURDERS, SUICIDES, ESCAPES, ASSAULTS ON STAFF, ASSAULTS INMATE/INMATE

PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1988 THROUGH December 31, 2014

Bible  
College

YEAR	MURDERS	SUICIDES	ESCAPES	ASSAULTS ON STAFF	ASSAULTS INMATE/INMATE (Without Weapons)	ASSAULTS INMATE/INMATE (With Weapon)	TOTAL
1988	1	4	7	109	743	454	1,318
1989	3	5	11	152	601	433	1,205
1990	1	2	8	280	652	455	1,398
1991	0	1	7	332	680	496	1,516
1992	0	4	4	369	714	263	1,354
1993	1	2	3	381	482	384	1,253
1994	0	0	1	275	443	323	1,042
1995	1	3	2	262	478	321	1,067
1996	0	0	2	192	476	346	1,016
1997	1	0	4	172	379	271	827
1998	0	3	3	214	379	271	870
1999	1	1	8	207	357	241	815
2000	0	1	0	126	414	213	754
2001	0	0	0	99	341	191	631
2002	0	0	0	91	306	157	554
2003	0	0	3	87	289	142	521
2004	2	0	0	93	380	113	588
2005	0	2	0	91	276	123	492
2006	0	0	0	89	201	76	366
2007	0	1	0	46	145	95	287
2008	0	1	0	52	216	107	376
2009	0	0	1	57	184	143	385
2010	0	0	0	69	166	114	349
2011	0	2	0	77	155	109	343
2012	0	3	0	55	173	143	374
2013	0	2	2	42	171	109	326
2014	0	1	0	71	170	102	344
2015							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>9,971</b>	<b>6,195</b>	<b>20,371</b>

The last murder of an employee was the murder of Captain David Knapps on December 28, 1999 during which two other employees were also taken hostage.

Thinh Tran 3295395 Escaped from EKL on May 18, 2003. Was apprehended in the parking lot of the hospital. Lefty Ververde #88280 and Phillip Schane #91217 on 9/24/2003. They were apprehended in Natchez, Mississippi on 9/24/2003.

Two inmate on inmate assaults resulting in fatality occurred in February 2004. Michael Bradford #131826 died from an assault by Andre Leday #386452 on 2/3/2004 with a rock in a pillow case. Joseph Chase #81320 died from an assault with a homemade knife by Michael Kelly #100147 on 2/26/2004.

Jonathan Stevenson #293749 committed suicide on January 8, 2007. Claude Woods #84289 committed suicide on May 8, 2008.

The last escape was September 10, 2009 Henry Smith #98032. He was apprehended on September 14, 2009.

Two suicides in 2011 Jeron Ausbon #422964 on April 11, 2011 and Derrick Jones #379679 on 10/19/2011.

Three suicides in 2012- Richard Hobley #391579 6/2/2012, Michael Long #470046 10/16/2012 and Dustin Pleasant #531256 12/7/2012

Kriss Lane #509298 committed suicide on March 1, 2013, Wendell Green #106288 committed suicide on May 8, 2013.

Escape on 9/22/2013 Melvin Johnson #95419 and Aaron Francois #601619 from Camp C 8:54 am. Apprehended at 11:11 am on the grounds.

Christopher Lebreton #459456 committed suicide on June 2, 2014.

David Honore #340775 was found with a sheet around his neck and tied to top cell bars on 2/24/2015 at Camp J and died from his injuries on 2/24/2015.

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 Dr. Rick Sharkey, Director  
 APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

DORM: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW STUDENT:  ] FORMER STUDENT:  ] LAST ENROLLMENT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM REQUESTED: Faith-based Certificate Program:

Associate in Christian Ministry:  ] Bachelors of Arts in Christian Ministry:  ]

CURRENT DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CURRENT PASTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Institution	Location	Date of Attendance	Degree/Diploma	Year of Completion
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(College)				
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(Seminary/Other)				
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**\*\*REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT CONSIDERATION:**

- 1) *You must* be a member of a local church.
  - 2) *You must* provide proof of High School Diploma - GED - or College by copies of the documents.
  - 3) *You must* provide a copy of your certificate for completing *Experiencing God*\*.  
 \* If you haven't had *Experiencing God* due to lack of offering where you live, you will be given the opportunity to take it when you get here.
  - 4) *You must* provide your Pastor's *written* recommendation for you to attend the seminary.
  - 5) *You must* write a statement of your religious experience on the back of this form.
- (All five of these requirements must be submitted with your application before you will be considered for enrollment.)

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO: Dr. Rick Sharkey, Director  
 (You may submit your application through the Inmate Minister in your area.) NOBTS - LSP Joan Horner Center  
 Bible College Building  
 Applicants from Satellites must submit your Application and required Documents through your Chaplain Dept.) Angola, LA 70712







## LIST OF COURSES AND SYNOPSIS

The below is a chart listing Course Numbers assigned to the Course Titles. Also, listed is the number of units in each course. One (1) unit represents three (3) hours of facilitated group study per week.

Course Number	Number of Units	Course Hours	Course Title
1	6 Units	18 hours	<i>Survival Kit #1 - 5 Keys to Spiritual Growth</i>
2	7 Units	21 hours	<i>Survival Kit #2 - Living Your Christian Values</i>
3	12 Units	36 hours	<i>Experiencing God - Knowing &amp; Doing God's Will</i>
4	12 Units	36 hours	<i>Making Peace With Your Past</i>
5	12 Units	36 hours	<i>Moving Beyond Your Past</i>
6	12 Units	36 hours	<i>Conquering Co-dependency</i>
7	13 Units	39 hours	<i>Life In The Spirit</i>
8	12 Units	36 hours	<i>The Mind of Christ</i>
10	12 Units	36 hours	<i>Breaking the Cycle of Hurtful Family Experiences</i>
11	12 Units	36 hours	<i>Step by Step through the Old Testament</i>
12	12 Units	36 hours	<i>Step by Step through the New Testament</i>

**Faith-Based Life Skills Certificate:** Courses 1 - 4

**Faith-Based Spiritual Growth Certificate:** Courses 1 - 10

**Faith-Based Biblical Studies Certificate:** Prerequisite of either of previous two certificates and Courses 11 & 12.

NOTE: The participants should meet twice a week for one year. The first meeting each week should focus on the first class of the quarter and the second meeting during the week should focus on the second class of the quarter. This allows the same group to take two courses per quarter for one year.

**WORKSHEET FOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY ANGOLA CENTER  
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - LEAVELL COLLEGE**

NAME :  
DOC #

N.O.B.T.S. ID #

Life Skills:	Semester Hours			GRD HRS
LSCM0310 English Grammar				3
LSCM1310 English Composition				3
LSCM2310 Research & Writing				3
LSCM1320 General Math				3
LSCM1351 World History				3
BSCM2321 Old Testament Word Studies				3
BSCM2322 New Testament Word Studies				3
LSCM2330 Oral Communication				3
LSCM3371 Marriage & Family Issues				3
LSCM4300 Senior Seminar				3

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY:	Semester Hours			GRD HRS
BSCM1300 Hermeneutics				3
BSCM2310 Old Testament Survey				3
BSCM2350 New Testament Survey				3
BSCM3317 OT Interpretation: PSALMS**				3
BSCM3354 NT Interpretation: ROMANS****				3
PMCM2300 Introduction to Preaching				3
CMCM1310 Introduction to Ministry				3
CECM1300 Introduction to Christian Education				3
PCCM2370 Introduction to Counseling				3
CMCM2380 The Practice of Evangelism				3
CMCM2210 Disciple Making				2
THCM2300 Christian Doctrine				3
THCM2350(1) Survey of Church History				3
PMCM3330 Worship Perspectives				3
CMCM1110: Personal Spiritual Disciplines				1
CMCM2110 Field Practicum				1
CMCM2111 Field Practicum				1
CMCM2112 Field Practicum				1



<b>CHRISTIAN MINISTRY:</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>				<b>GRD HRS</b>			
CMCM2113 Field Practicum								1
CMCM2114 Field Practicum								1
CMCM2115 Field Practicum								1
CMCM2116 Field Practicum								1
CMCM2117 Field Practicum								1
CMCM2118 Field Practicum								1

<b>MINORS</b>	<b>GRD HRS</b>			
CMCM4310 Conflict Management				3
CECM2350 Teaching Methods				3
CMCM3350 Building Healthy Church Relationships				3
PMCM3350 Ministry Through Life Crisis				3
PMCM3310 Evangelistic & Revival Preaching				3
PMCM3352 Pastoral Care Through Chaplaincy Ministry				3
BSCM2380 Christian Scripture				3
BSCM2300 Biblical Backgrounds				3
BSCM4386 Theological Issues in the OT				3
BSCM4385 Theological Issues in the NT				3
BSCM3310 OT Interpretation: GENESIS/EXODUS** (elective)				3
BSCM3351 NT Interpretation: GOSPEL OF JOHN*** (elective)				3
BSCM3360 NT Interpretation: EPHESIANS				3

<b>FREE ELECTIVES</b>	<b>GRD HRS</b>			
LSCM1361 American History (elective)				3
BSCM3352 NT Interpretation: ACTS (elective)***				3
BSCM4352 NT Interpretation: HEBREWS*** (elective)				3
BSCM3355 NT Interpretation: SERMON ON THE MOUNT***				3
CMCM2380 Practice of Evangelism (elective)				3
PCCM4371 Abnormal Psychology (elective)				3
THCM3325 Religion & Cults (elective)				3
CMCM3322 Preaching Through 8th Century Prophets: Isaiah & Micah				3
BSCM4312 OT Interpretation: 8th Century Prophets of Judah: Isaiah & Micah				3

Current Total Semester Hours:

Total Required for Degree 126

\*\* &\*\*\* - interchangeable, will substitute for each other.



Louisiana State Penitentiary  
TREATMENT DEPARTMENT WORKLOAD INDICATORS  
Chaplains Department - 2014-2015 Fiscal Year

MONTH	Emergency		Number of Services	Service Attendance	Religious		Religious		Greeting Card Distribution	Bible Distribution	Inmate Minister Contacts	Total
	Death Message	Message			Faith Based Participation	Donated Materials	Materials to Lockdown					
July	10		294	7,729	2,576	2,875	2,530	1,150	504	7,483	25,151	
August	8		351	7,206	2,402	3,795	1,460	1,540	76	6,011	22,849	
September	10		322	9,552	3,184	4,006	811	1,858	41	4,968	24,752	
October	12		315	9,282	3,097	1,649	769	6,752	94	15,355	37,335	
November	13		321	6,159	2,198	3,010	557	1,535	549	5,701	20,043	
December	7		316	9,632	3,210	4,651	1,256	8,956	54	9,853	37,935	
January	8		294	6,088	2,029	2,885	1,459	1,213	49	3,778	17,803	
February	11		267	7,011	2,337	3,410	1,694	1,338	54	2,706	18,828	
March	11		323	5,642	1,880	3,375	1,919	1,299	75	4,495	19,019	
April	10		265	6,826	2,275	3,900	1,803	1,149	41	2,571	18,840	
May	7		320	7,659	2,550	3,700	2,700	1,163	1725	3,535	23,359	
June	7		314	8,754	2,918	2,200	1,825	1,144	238	4,117	21,517	
TOTAL AVG	10		309	7,629	2,555	3,288	1,565	2,425	292	5,891	23,953	

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (Death Messages, Emergency Waivers, Family Critical Illness contacts with inmates.)

SERVICES COORDINATED: (Reflects the total amount of services conducted & sponsored by the Chaplains' Office throughout LSP for the month listed above.)

SERVICE ATTENDANCE: (Reflects total number of inmates in attendance for services during the month listed above.)

FAITH BASED PARTICIPATION: (Reflects total number of faith based participation where an inmate has attended at least (1) service or religious program during that month.)

RELIGIOUS DONATED MATERIAL: (Reflects total number of donated materials: Bibles, religious magazines, tracts, etc. distributed to the inmate population.)

RELIGIOUS MATERIAL MAILED OUT TO LOCK-DOWN AREAS: (Reflects Bible studies, prayer tracts, etc. mailed out to inmates in lock-down areas.)

GREETING CARD DISTRIBUTION: (Reflects the total amount of greeting cards distributed to the inmate population upon request for the above month.)

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION: (Reflects the total amount of Bibles distributed to the inmate population upon request)

CHAPLAIN CONTACTS: (Reflects total number of inmate contacts, counseling, etc., by Inmate Ministers.)



Louisiana State Penitentiary  
CHAPLAINS' DEPARTMENT

## INMATE MINISTER MISSIONARIES

<u>DOC #</u>		<u>Location</u>
446217	Michael Palmer	Allen Correctional Center
483992	Earl Davis	Allen Correctional Center
092149	William Fitzpatrick	Avoyelles Correctional Center
120039	Scott Lingle	Avoyelles Correctional Center
093937	Richard Coleman	Avoyelles Correctional Center
120055	Stephen Proctor	Avoyelles Correctional Center
113457	Michael Blanc	David Wade Correctional Center
126010	Ronald Edison	Dixon Correctional Institute
305815	Carroll Haynes	Dixon Correctional Institute
358513	William Sliva	Dixon Correctional Institute
400037	Alvin Travis	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
497709	Derrick Moore	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
410872	Kelly Adams	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
430072	Horacio Lopez	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
337546	Steve Steward	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
158993	Anthony Donaldson	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
326381	Michael Banford	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
111520	Mark Gaunichaux	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
277416	Jesse Simmons	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
130715	Horace Jenkins	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
380255	Gill Jasmine	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
315812	Merio Howard	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
105972	Norris James	Elayn Hunt Correctional Center
104128	Arthur Rhodes	Rayburn Correctional Center
239592	Michael LaBlanc	Rayburn Correctional Center
324724	Walter Jackson	Rayburn Correctional Center
397027	Donald Gibson	Rayburn Correctional Center
357275	Chris Pendleton	Rayburn Correctional Center
271051	Connie Sledge	Winn Correctional Center
406571	Timothy Hudson	Winn Correctional Center

