

## WSOM Course Framework

The courses at WSOM will be conducted at Wintonbury by Wintonbury leaders as follows:

- Fall/Winter/Spring Courses: 9 total (10 weeks each) on Wednesday nights
- Summer Courses: 3 total (3 day intensives each with some pre/post work assigned)
- Seminars: 6 total (1 day each held on Saturdays – video review can be substituted)
- Syllabi: Developed by Rich Ainsworth and Andre Riendeau
- Teaching Method: Socratic

| Season   | Year One                                    | Year Two  | Year Three                                      |
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| Fall<br>( <i>Sound Doctrine</i> )<br>– 10 wks          | SD 1:<br>Interpreting God's Word Accurately | SD 2:<br>What We Believe                              | SD 3:<br>What Others Believe                    |
| Winter<br>( <i>Ministry</i> )<br>– 10 wks              | Art 1:<br>The Art of Leading Others         | Art 2:<br>The Art of Teaching/Preaching               | Art 3:<br>The Art of Caring for God's People    |
| Spring<br>( <i>Bible</i> )<br>– 10 wks                 | Epic 1: Old Testament Survey – The Problem  | Epic 2:<br>The Gospels The Solution                   | Epic 3:<br>Acts and Letters – The Result        |
| Summer<br>( <i>Godly Living</i> )<br>– 3 day intensive | PFR 1:<br>Pray – Deeply Relating to God     | PFR 2:<br>Hear – Replacing Core Lies with God's Truth | PFR 3:<br>Share – Walking with God in Community |
| Seminars<br>(1 day/2 per year)                         | Church History, Evangelism/ Missions        | Language Tools, Ethics                                | Peace-making, Apologetics                       |

**Time:** Every Wednesday night, we will follow this schedule:

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| 6 – 6:30 pm | Bag Dinner (optional) |
| 6:30 – 7 pm | Praise & Prayer       |
| 7 – 9 pm    | Class                 |



### Key Components

The classic biblical example of ministry training is that of Paul with his young protégé Timothy. At the end of his life, Paul charged him in four main areas:

**Mentoring:** remember and follow my life example (2 Timothy 3:10-14)

**Biblical Foundation:** know and study the Scriptures as basis for life and ministry (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

**Able to Teach:** be firmly grounded in and committed to sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

**Ministry:** faithfully carry out your ministry and do it for the Lord (2 Timothy 4:5-8)

### Pre-Requisites

- Wintonbury Member in good standing
- Completed application with recommendations
- Commendation by a Wintonbury Pastor

For further info, please visit our website:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/wbcwsom/home>

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Training Christ's Followers in Skilled Servant Work

### Purpose

- Build a core of leaders equipped to do what God has called them to do
- Intentionally multiply the lives of godly leaders through teaching and mentoring
- Supply future multi-site locations with Wintonbury-trained ministers

### Guiding Principles

#### Church-based

Taught in the church, by the church, for the church

#### Competency-based

Focus on outcomes rather than knowledge accumulation

#### Character-based

Ministry competency is useless without a Jesus-centered passion fueling it

#### Christ-based

Make the school a worship experience instead of an academic exercise

#### Community-based

Pursuing God in ministry with others instead of self-fulfillment





***It is our desire to train people for skilled servant work in these four areas as follows:***

### **1. Mentoring: Life on Life Influence**

Each candidate will be assigned a mentor who will work with them throughout their WSOM experience. The mentor is a seasoned ministry leader who is available and willing to invest in the life of the candidate. The successful mentoring relationship will include:

- Regular meetings (monthly at a minimum) to review all aspects of the WSOM experience and for prayer
- Commitment to steadfast prayer for the candidate
- Feedback from any observed practicum or ministry
- Quarterly completion of Life and Ministry Assessments

Mentors should be selected in consultation with the Mentoring Coordinator of WSOM. Once agreed upon, a WSOM representative will approach the mentor to gauge interest and explain the necessary commitment. If accepted, the mentor will be provided with initial training and regular encouragement from the WSOM Mentoring Coordinator. Periodic mentoring training seminars will also be offered.

### **2. Biblical Foundation: Course Work**

It is our firm conviction that the Scriptures are the Word of God and are sufficient for life and ministry. This high view of Scripture has been and by God's grace will continue to be a distinguishing feature of Wintonbury. It is a part of our church DNA and we fully intend to pass on this value to our candidates.

We are further convinced that the Bible is not an eclectic library of various writings; rather, it is one great story – an EPIC. It is our desire to help each student understand the broad sweep of the great redemption adventure that the Scriptures relate.

Furthermore, Paul instructed Timothy to watch his life and doctrine closely (1 Timothy 4:16). Specifically, he was to make sure that his life and doctrine were in keeping with a sound reading of Scripture. Therefore, in addition to studying the broad epic, we will also study Scripture as it relates to life and ministry.

With these two goals in mind (broad sweep and detailed study), we will offer the following program so that the candidate can study to show him/herself approved as one who correctly handles God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15).

### **3. Able to Teach: Teaching Practicum**

Although not every candidate will be pursuing a teaching ministry, we do expect all of our ministers to be competent to do so at basic levels. At some



point in ministry, we all have the opportunity to influence people toward Christ and when that opportunity arises, it is our desire that you'll be able to teach that person what they need to know as opposed to "bringing them to the pastor!"

With this in mind, we will require each candidate to teach the following during the three-year program:

- Sharing the Gospel  
(not a course to teach – candidate needs to simply share the gospel competently)
- "The Gospel-Centered Life" Bible study

These can be taught in tandem with another student and feedback would be solicited from receptors. The student's mentor will attend at least one session to give feedback as well. These can be taught in any setting such as Sunday School, small groups, family, and even with just one other individual.

### **4. Ministry: Internship**

Each candidate will be assigned a ministry internship that will occur during the last two years of the program. The goal is to acquire practical ministry experience with feedback.

The internship will include:

- Setting of ministry goals
- Quarterly ministry review with appropriate staff leader
- Final learning report at the end of the internship

### **Wintonbury School of Ministry Personnel**

*Director:* Andre Riendeau

*Facilitators:* Rich Ainsworth, Andre Riendeau

*Administrator:* Dave Blough

*Mentoring Coordinator:* TBD, Andre for now