

RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



STUDENT HANDBOOK

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FOREWORD

Message from the President

Welcome to RDM Institute of Spiritual Development!

When you signed up for RDM Institute of Spiritual Development training, you took an important spiritual step. You did not enroll in a program of a denomination or organization. You enrolled in a “school of the spirit.” It is the training of your spirit by the Holy Spirit—and that schooling never ends.

The purpose of RDM Institute of Spiritual Development training is not just to provide a mountain top spiritual experience and then send you back into the valley of life to lose it. The true test of your training will be the ability to take what you learn from RDM Institute of Spiritual Development back into the valley of everyday life and ministry and use it. The success of your experience also rests in your willingness to pass on to others what you learn.

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”. (II Timothy 2:2)

Where this spiritual call to deliverance will take you, only God knows, but you can be assured that you do not labor alone. You have joined a great army of laborers, dating back to the disciples of Jesus, who have heard the call and responded. You are part of a growing network of international harvesters!

Never settle for less than the final objective. Keep sowing and reaping, in seed time and harvest time, until every group of people, every tribe, and every nation is reached with the Gospel.

Bishop Robin Dinnanauth, B.Th., BCPC
President
RDM Institute of Spiritual Development

CHAPTER ONE

Introduction to RDM Institute of Spiritual Development

Introduction

God bless you for responding to His call. What a tremendous privilege and responsibility you have taken - a high calling or training for the work of the ministry. You are helping fulfill your call by becoming equipped for present and future ministries.

In this first chapter we want to provide an overview of orientation information. Your Academic Dean will be the one to personally acquaint you with this information or may request that you attend an orientation.

The Student Handbook is designed to help familiarize the student with the RDM Institute of Spiritual Development. It will tell you what to expect of the Institution and what the Institution expects of you as you seek to prepare yourself for ministry.

General student conduct is governed by the ideals and standards of the school as stated in the Student Handbook. It serves as a guide to develop lifestyles, ideals, and standards consistent with the high calling of ministry. Each student should seek to develop these ideals and standards of conduct while enrolled in the Institute, whether you are on the campus or away.

History, Purpose, and Development of the School

In this section we include a brief history of the founding and development of the school. We suggest that you become acquainted with this to get a sense of how the school came into existence or was established, the vision of its founders, and how the school continues to develop.

Emmanuel Full Gospel Assemblies Ministerial Fellowship is the sponsoring organization of the Institute. It is not the desire of the Network to create a denominational structure but rather an association working between denominations, churches, organizations, and nations to raise up laborers for a worldwide spiritual harvest. It is to this purpose that RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is dedicated; to recruit, train, motivate, and mobilize a network of international harvesters.

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development was conceived by the Holy Spirit in answer to a cry from the harvest fields of the world for materials geared for training the average layman. The Institute is birthing a vision designed to move laymen from vision to reality. The curriculum takes students beyond teaching to training where participation is required so that students are challenged to realize spiritual reproduction. Jesus final command was to reproduce spiritually (Matthew 23:19-20).

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development equips students with creative Bible study skills to enable continued study of Scriptures following basic course training. The primary focus of Institute training is teaching what Jesus taught - to move men from observation to demonstration of the power of God.

Mission Statement of the School

The vision and purpose of RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is to equip the saints for ministry through timely, cost effective training. We desire to raise up a mighty army of men and women who are prepared to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through vision and spiritual preparation of the heart, and training in the Word of God, its principles and methods.

The Overall Picture of the School

Church-Based Ministry Training

This church-based institute with spirit-filled staff offers aggressive ministry training for thoroughly equipping students in Christian leadership, Biblical Studies and Operating in the Gift of Healing and Deliverance. We emphasize balanced doctrine, servanthood, leadership, character development and a biblical global perspective.

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is a place to train men and women called to full and part time ministry and those interested in becoming better equipped to serve their local church.

We offer academic excellence and methods that will train you to maximize your leadership, Deliverance Ministry, Healing Ministry and Ministerial skills and attitude to reach your God-given potential.

Administration

The Academic Dean of RDM Institute of Spiritual Development will have an orientation for all new students. Your orientation will provide needed and beneficial information about many of the procedures, services and opportunities available.

Faculty and Staff

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development instructors and teachers are pastors, and lay ministers in full time ministry, Part-time ministry and some with full-time secular work, etc.

Academic Practices and Procedures

The Academic Dean is responsible for the scheduling of courses. While we will make every effort to schedule the classes you will like to take, there will be times when you may not get your preference of courses or schedule. The Dean has to consider the availability of the teacher for that course as well as the needs of other students in terms of graduation etc.

You will have questions arise during the term. Your school Student Handbook is a good resource for many questions you may have. If after referring to it you do not find the answer to your question, do not hesitate to approach your Academic Dean.

Relationships with Church

Those who are called by the Lord to ministry are equally called to be a reflection, of His character in both word and deed. A number of requirements and expectations are placed upon Bible school students by both the church and the community. The successful student should be aware of and observe these with diligence. You will want to be an example in both church attendance and in the paying of your tithes. Guard your reputation in the community by maintaining your integrity in financial and other matters.

Accountability and Accreditation

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is a non-denominational, Bible-based, spirit-filled Institute. Our school is accountable to a Board of Directors and a panel of spiritual elders through the, Emmanuel Full Gospel Assemblies Ministerial Fellowship.

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is a Not-for-Profit non-governmental religious Bible School in association with the Robin Healing Ministries and is accredited through Accrediting Commission International (ACI). Credits earned through RDM-IOSD are transferable to over 540 Bible Schools in over 45 Countries. Accrediting Commission International is primarily a private school association unrelated to government accreditation.

In addition to its accreditation from ACI, RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is an affiliate member of the National Association of Private Theological Institutions. It is authorized through the National Association of Private Theological Institutions to bestow Certificates, Diplomas, Associates, Bachelors and Masters' degrees in conjunction with all state and federal laws.

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is primarily a religious school. Credits are not guaranteed to be accepted by secular or state run programs.

School Location and Contact Information

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development Headquarter is located at 87-34 85th Street, Woodhaven, New York 11421.

CHAPTER TWO

Spiritual Life

Spiritual Standards

As a Christian Institute, RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is interested in and committed to the spiritual development of its students. Although the Institute cannot legislate spiritual growth in its students, we can and will promote the means to develop spiritual growth. We believe that student needs to be committed to a lifestyle that includes a daily time of Bible reading, reflection, and prayer.

Along with campus programming, students are encouraged to make personal choices that will reflect their desire for an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus. Students are asked to covenant to pray and read the Word of God daily so as to assure growth toward Christian maturity.

Devotional life is a vital part of spiritual development, relating closely to every aspect of their preparation for ministry. The following are means the Institute provides and/or encourages to promote and develop spiritual life.

Chapel:

In the Institute setting, chapel is for the purpose of spiritual enrichment and growth. In contrast with the classroom, it is not a structured learning situation. Chapel provides an opportunity for development in spiritual gifts and worship.

Attendance at scheduled chapel services is required of all students. Studying and reading for classes during chapel is not acceptable.

Chapel is not designed to focus on the structured church program, but rather on cultivating a vital personal relationship with God and the corporate relationship of the body. Student is required to attend chapel services at least once per week.

Personal Devotions

Every student is urged to observe a time of daily prayer and Scripture reading. Meetings, study, or any other activity should not be allowed to take the time allotted for communion with God.

Missions Emphasis Week

Each semester missions is given special emphasis during one designated chapel service. Students are encouraged to give of their time in intercessory prayer for world missions, home missions, missionaries, and the general work of missions. Special attention is focused on the various regions of the world through prayer bands, special speakers, etc. Offerings will be received for support of selected missionary projects.

Counseling

Faculty members are available to students who desire special prayer and counsel. In some cases, a staff or faculty member may recommend other spiritual leaders to assist the student by providing further counseling.

CHAPTER THREE

Social Guidelines

Appearance/Dress Standard

The dress standard at RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is designed to be a tool to help students prepare to relate to professional life and leisure time in a proper way. We expect all students to be modest, clean, neat and dressed in good taste, avoiding bizarre or extreme styles. The Bible emphasizes the importance of modesty, simplicity and neatness in respect to dress and personal appearance.

The Institute reserves the right to declare any questionable attire unsuitable for any occasion.

Standard of Conduct

The Scriptures establish the basic principles which should guide the development of Christian character and govern all Christian behavior. Practices which are known to be morally wrong by biblical teaching are not acceptable for members of the Institute.

While Scripture does not provide specific teaching regarding all social practices, it does advocate self-restraint in that which is harmful or is offensive to others. All questionable activities that would be detrimental to Christian character and testimony are disapproved.

Within the traditions of its Christ-centered mission, RDM Institute of Spiritual Development expects its students to exemplify a high standard of behavior and personal values. These expectations include the following:

1. respect for the rights and human dignity of others, especially in the conduct of relationships;
2. respect for the rights and needs of the Institute community to develop and maintain an atmosphere conducive to academic study and personal life;
3. respect for the Institute's academic traditions of honesty and integrity;
4. respect for the different backgrounds, personalities, beliefs, and spiritual traditions of students, faculty, and staff who make up the Institute community;
5. a willingness to assist others in need of support, guidance, or friendship;
6. respect for federal, state, and local laws and ordinances;
7. respect for the authorities, policies, procedures, and regulations established by the Institute for the orderly administration of Institute activities and the welfare of the members of the Institute community.

Prohibited Conduct

The following actions constitute misconduct, for which students may be disciplined:

1. *physical, mental, or emotional abuse* - Intentionally or recklessly causing physical harm to any person on Institute premises or at Institute-sponsored activities. This includes, but is not limited to, physical assault, verbal or written threats or abuse, racial or other forms of deliberate harassment.
2. *sexual misconduct* - Engaging in or the appearance of indiscreet or offensive behavior in relationships with the opposite sex and sexual sins expressly (premarital sex, adultery, and homosexual practices) are unacceptable and prohibited. Also included are pornographic books, magazines, posters, paraphernalia, and videos, as well as sexually explicit Internet sites.
3. *theft or damage* - Theft of property belonging to the Institute or others, or knowing possession of stolen property whether occurring on Institute premises or at Institute-sponsored activities. Damage to or destruction of Institute property or property belonging to others.
4. *academic dishonesty & false information* - Dishonesty, such as cheating or plagiarism; furnishing false information; forgery, alterations, or unauthorized use of Institute documents, records, identification, or property.
5. *fire safety, firearms, explosives, dangerous weapons, etc.* - Arson, attempted arson, or unauthorized possession, use, or storage of firearms, fireworks, paint guns, or other dangerous weapons or explosives on Institute property. Intentionally or recklessly misusing or damaging fire or life safety equipment. Intentionally initiating or causing to be initiated any false report warning of fire, explosion, or other emergency on Institute premises or at Institute-sponsored activities.
6. *alcohol and/or other drugs* - Unauthorized sale, use, distribution, or possession of any controlled substance, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia on Institute premises or at Institute-sponsored activities. Use of any tobacco product in any Institute facilities.
7. *disorderly conduct* - Engaging in disorderly conduct, public intoxication, or indecent, or obscene behavior on Institute premises or at Institute-sponsored activities.
8. *violation of Institute regulations* - Violations of other published Institute regulations or policies.
9. *unauthorized entry or use* - Unauthorized presence in or use of Institute facilities or premises. Copying keys or unauthorized possession or use of keys is prohibited.
10. *vulgar or indecent language* - The use of irreverent slang, offensive, vulgar, crude or indecent language on Institute premises or at Institute-sponsored activities.

Disciplinary Action

The first infraction will result in a verbal warning. The second offense will be in writing. A Disciplinary Report form will be completed by the faculty member who becomes aware of the alleged violation. The faculty member retains the right to deal directly with cases of prohibited conduct. Students must be notified of the evidence of a violation and must have an opportunity to respond. In cases where both faculty member and student agree that the alleged violation did occur, and if the student agrees to the proposed sanction for the incident, then the faculty member and student are requested to sign a Disciplinary Report form, which briefly details the violation and sanction. The form is filed in the school office.

If the faculty member and student do not agree about the facts of the alleged violation or the proposed sanction, then a meeting may be requested with the Academic Dean. Both faculty member and student will be required to attend. Evidence of the alleged violation will be presented and the student will have the

opportunity to respond to the evidence. It is the responsibility of the Academic Dean to determine whether or not there has been a violation and what, if any, sanctions should be imposed.

If the infraction is of such serious nature, the Academic Dean may immediately suspend or terminate a student.

Suspension

A student may be suspended for any specified length of time as determined by the Academic Dean. All students re-admitted after suspension for disciplinary reasons are placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of the semester if their suspension was for less than one semester, and for the entire first semester following their return.

The Institute reserves the right to require the withdrawal of students because of low standards of scholarship, poor physical or mental health, or attitudes and standards of behavior which conflict with the Institute.

A student who does not fit in with the aims and ideals of the Institute may be asked to withdraw for the general welfare of the Institute and the student, even though there may be no specific breach of conduct.

Termination

Termination is a permanent dismissal from Institute and will apply in cases where the Academic Dean deems there is evidence that conduct, achievement, or other factors warrant such action.

CHAPTER FOUR

Academic Life

Academic Guidance

The academic program of the Institute is designed to prepare the student for effective ministry. Therefore, guidance relating to individual programs of study, course enrollment, and graduation requirements is provided through the Academic Dean.

Registration

Students should arrive on campus on registration day. Classes missed because of late registration will be counted as absences and will count in the total of absences for the semester.

Transfer Students

Students desiring to transfer credits into the Institute from another Institute are required to submit an official transcript. A copy of their catalog or equivalent available information may be required by the school. Credit may be granted for relevant work done on an equivalent level.

For those schools without a catalog, a transcript cover letter can serve to provide the necessary information to a receiving school. In some cases, the Institute may require additional support information from the sending school, such as grading scale, scheduling, course description, and syllabus, before final approval of transfer of credit.

Transfer of Credits

The student should inquire directly with the school which he/she plans to attend to determine if they will accept credits from this institution.

Transcripts

Transcripts may be obtained by submitting a Transcript Request form to the school office. The cost is \$25.00

Grading System

The Institute uses the following grading scale to record and report academic achievement:

Grading System

97-100	= A+
93-96	= A
90-92	= A-
87-89	= B+
83-86	= B
80-82	= B-
77-79	= C+
73-76	= C
70-72	= C-
67-69	= D+
63-66	= D
60-62	= D-
Below 60	= F

Canceled	Drop without penalty. Only if within the first two weeks would this apply.
Drop Pass	Drop without penalty. Drop after two week window with excuse (i.e. job transfer, hospitalization, etc.
Drop Fail	Drop with penalty
Incomplete	Only applies if excused absence and student makes up final or missing work within two weeks of final date. No exceptions!
Pass	Credit received from other source.
Audit	No credit.

Grading Standards

Excellent/outstanding	A - 4.0
Good/above average	B - 3.0
Average/satisfactory	C - 2.0
Poor/acceptable	D - 1.0
Failure/unacceptable	F - 0.0

Course Load

The Administration defines a full-time student as one who is taking 8 classes of the 9 classes for the semester.

Dropping and Adding Courses future use

Students who desire any type of course change must receive approval from the Academic Dean and complete all required forms. Until mid-term, a student with excuse (i.e. hospitalization, job transfer, etc.) may drop a course without academic penalty. To withdraw from or drop a course, the student must first complete a Drop/Add form and secure the approval signatures of the instructor and the Academic Dean.

If a course is dropped within the first two weeks, the teacher will record *canceled*. After the two weeks window with excuse for dropping a course (i.e. hospitalization, job transfer, etc.), the teacher will record a *withdraw pass (WP)* or for dropping without excuse after two weeks, the teacher will record a *withdraw failing (WF)* on the Drop/Add form. The form is then forwarded to the school office and posted on the permanent record.

Failure by the student to follow proper procedures when dropping a course could result in an automatic failing grade for that course.

The portion of tuition to be refunded will **only** be given the first two weeks of the semester. There is no tuition refund for a student who withdraws from or drops a course after the second week of the semester. Costs for books are **always** non-refundable.

The allowable time to add or change a course is during the first two weeks of the semester. To add or change a course, the student must first complete a Drop/Add form and secure the approval signatures of the teacher and the Academic Dean.

Academic Difficulties

Any academic difficulties are to be referred to the Academic Dean. For an appointment, please call the Institute office at 718-725-1400.

Repeat Courses

Courses may be repeated for students who have dropped or failed the course. If a student receives a letter grade of F, only the higher grade is computed in the overall grade point average. Full tuition cost is required for repeat courses.

Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes. If a student knows in advance he/she will be absent, prior arrangements are to be made with the instructor.

Unexcused absence from two (2) classes will result in a full grade drop (i.e. A- reduced to B+). No student shall be allowed to pass a course if the total of all absences, excused and unexcused, is equal to or exceeds 120 minutes of classroom instruction per credit unit?? What is unit offered. Students leaving class early without permission of the instructor will be counted as absent.

Fifteen minutes late to class constitutes a tardy. Three (3) tardies constitute an absence.

When a student exceeds the maximum allowable absences in a course, the Academic Dean will be notified and the student will normally be dropped from the course. In the exceptional case involving excused absences, the student may appeal to the Dean for a policy waiver. Waivers will be granted on the basis of course work being made up. Until the appeal is processed, the student should get permission from the instructor to attend the class on a temporary basis.

When excessive absences result in a student being dropped from a course, policies regarding dropping courses will apply. (See Dropping/Adding Courses.)

An absence for any reason except for unavoidable emergency or illness will not be an excused absence.

The instructor is responsible to warn the individual student and notify the Academic Dean before the limit of absences is reached.

Assignments and Examinations

Students are encouraged to prepare a study schedule at the beginning of each semester and adhere to it carefully so that sufficient time is allotted for study.

All assigned work (term papers, book reports, etc.) will be due on date designated by the instructor. Failure to submit work when due may result in a grade reduction. The student is responsible for all make-up work when absent from class, and the due date set by the instructor remains mandatory.

Assignments and examinations must be completed on schedule, as outlined by the instructor. Late tests will be administered only for excused absences. Final examinations are to be taken at the time scheduled. Ordinarily, no early exams are given. All students are required to take scheduled final examinations.

Academic Probation

A student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 1.75 at the end of the first semester in order to carry a full course load the second semester. A 2.0 grade point average should be maintained for all remaining semesters while enrolled at the Institute (g.p.a. based on a 4.0 grading scale). Any student falling below the 2.0 grade point average after the second semester will be placed on academic probation. Students on academic probation will be restricted from participating in all school activities and other leadership positions.

If no significant improvement is seen in academic performance by the end of the probationary period (usually one or two semesters), the student will become subject to dismissal from the Institute.

Students on academic probation for two (2) consecutive semesters will be considered ineligible for scholarship funds which may be available for the Institute to designate.

Academic Disputes

If a student disagrees with the grade he receives, he may make an appointment with the Academic Dean for consideration of the dispute. The Dean will review the issues and respond with a final decision.

Withdrawal from Institute

Students withdrawing from Institute before the end of the semester for any reason must get a Withdrawal From Institute form from the school office and obtain all signatures indicated. Failure to do so will result in automatic fail grades in the courses in which the student is enrolled and may be grounds for denial of re-admission. Any refund is determined by the date of the official withdrawal.

Change of Address Procedures

Students are to notify the Institute office in writing of a change in address or telephone number. A Change of Address form may be obtained from the school office.

Media Use

Audio or video recording of any class without prior permission is strictly prohibited.
A student may use a laptop computer in class to take notes.

Academic Honesty

As a body committed to Christian thought and behavior, the Institute fosters honesty and integrity and is committed to the pursuit of academic excellence, for students and faculty alike.

Learning is an opportunity and a privilege that demands responsibility and an uncompromising level of honor, integrity and trust. The expectation at RDM is that students and faculty will take advantage of the opportunity for intellectual development, and that they will also conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the standards of academic honesty. When these standards are violated or compromised, individuals and the entire Institute community suffer.

Violations of Academic Honesty

Violations of academic honesty include, but are not limited to:

1. plagiarism (submitting the exact words, data or ideas of another without Properly acknowledging the source).
2. theft of examination material.
3. falsifying works or records.

The Academic Dean is to review and respond to alleged violations of academic honesty. Provisions of the academic honesty system are as follows:

1. Instructors retain the right to deal directly with cases of academic dishonesty that may occur in their classes. Students must be notified of the evidence of a violation and must have an opportunity to respond. In cases where both instructor and student agree that the alleged violation did occur, and if the student agrees to the instructor's proposed sanction for the incident, then the instructor and student are requested to sign an Academic Dishonesty Report form, which briefly details the violation and sanction. The form is filed in the Admissions and Records Office.
2. When the instructor and student do not agree about the facts of the alleged violation or the proposed sanction, then a meeting may be requested with the Academic Dean. Both instructor and student will be required to attend. Evidence of the alleged violation will be presented and the student will have the opportunity to respond to the evidence. It is the responsibility of the Academic Dean to determine whether or not there has been a violation and what, if any, sanctions should be imposed.

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development recognizes the necessity of students to take responsibility for their ethical behavior and to maintain academic honesty in their own work. Additionally, we expect all students to promote ethical behavior throughout the Institute community by taking responsible action when there is a reason to suspect dishonesty.

We do not seek to create a community of informers. Rather, we depend upon a person's good will to care enough for a fellow student to warn the individual to abandon dishonesty for his or her own sake and that of the community. Thus, we ask all students and faculty to share the responsibility of maintaining an honest environment.

Responsible Actions By Student:

Each student, as an integral member of the academic body/institute, is expected to make a commitment not to act dishonestly and not to tolerate dishonesty on the part of other students. Students are responsible for maintaining an ethical environment. A student who is aware of a possible violation of the procedures and policies should report the violation to the Academic Dean.

Faculty Responsibilities:

At the beginning of each course, every faculty member is expected to clearly define expectations and procedures for all academic work in the course. This includes procedures for class assignments, citations in written work, assistance on homework, etc. Preferably, this information should also be provided in writing to students. Each faculty member is expected to foster an environment of mutual trust and respect in and out of the classroom, including evaluation of the students in a fair and reasonable manner.

Responsible Actions By Faculty:

Each faculty member is expected not to tolerate academic dishonesty. A faculty member who becomes aware of a possible academic dishonesty violation may discuss it with the student(s) involved if it seems that such a discussion might help to alleviate the situation. If this discussion results in the decision that the initial suspicion was justified, then the faculty member is expected to take appropriate action.

CHAPTER FIVE

Business Affairs

How about admission standards?

Financial Obligations

Students are responsible to see that all school bills are paid promptly. Students who do not pay overdue bills may be suspended by the Institute. A transcript of grades will not be released until all bills are paid.

Returned Checks

There will be a \$25 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.

Solicitation

Solicitation of any kind on campus (i.e., selling of merchandise, or taking up donations of any kind for any purpose) must be cleared with the school office.

Vehicle Regulations

Students operating or parking any vehicle on campus are responsible for the security of that vehicle.

Insurance

Students are encouraged to carry their own property insurance. The school does not carry insurance to cover loss of personal property.

Lost and Found

The school is not responsible for loss of personal property. Students should contact the school office regarding lost or found items.

Child Care

Child care is not provided by the Institute. It is the responsibility of each student to make arrangements for the care of their children during scheduled classes. Children are not allowed in class under any circumstance.

Student Cost

New Applicants

- Processing fee for initial application \$30

Admitted Students

- Registration Fee \$60
- Cost for supplies and text books

Diploma of Christian Leadership (30 Credits)

- Entire Course \$899.00
- Cost of Student Manual

Diploma of Religious education (30 Credits)

- Entire Course \$899.00
- Cost of Student Manual

Diploma of Biblical Studies (30 Credits)

- Entire Course \$899.00
- Cost of Student Manual

All Cores and Electives course:

- \$50 Per Credits
- Cost of text books, manual or reading materials

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development diligently tries to keep its cost at a minimum in order to equip the body of Christ to bring the loss to the Cross. Depending on a student needs, academic qualifications and recommendations, it may grant scholarships as funds become available.

CHAPTER SIX

Educational Program

Basic Program

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development offers certificates, diplomas, associate, bachelor's and Masters' degree through its four schools - the School of Healing, School of Ministry, School of Deliverance and the School of Theology.

Transfer of Credits

All units are transferable toward a B.A. Degree. For further information, please contact the Academic Dean.

If you want to transfer the credits elsewhere, it is your responsibility to contact the school to determine if they will accept the courses.

Ordination

EFGA Ministerial Fellowship will grant ordination to every RDM Institute of Spiritual Development students if so desire. Student should inquire directly with the denomination with which he/she plans to seek ordination to determine if they will accept credits from this institution.

Missions Program

An exciting thrust of RDM Institute of Spiritual Development is the emphasis on world evangelization. We believe the Great Commission still applies and is a command that is not optional.

Opportunities for short-term missions' involvement are offered, giving students choices among various kinds of ministry including child evangelism, street witnessing, crusades, music, and drama.

Each student must participate in an outreach before graduation. A student may work with Institute scheduled fund-raisers to help lower the cost of their participation in the outreach.

Intern Program

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development shares in the development of competent ministers by expecting of its Ministerial Interns a high degree of achievement.

Servanthood, academic excellence and training for the equipping of future leadership is the heart of our Ministerial Internship Program. You will be challenged to reach your full potential in Christ.

You will receive personal care and mentoring. According to Philippians 4:9, interns will be mentored and discipled by the RDM Institute of Spiritual Development affiliates churches and ministries where students will serve. You will receive opportunities in various ministry areas at an assign church, ministry or at an Emmanuel Full Gospel Assemblies Ministerial Fellowship Network. Students must meet with the Academic Dean for approval before entry into this program.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Course Major		School
CE	Christian Education	School of Theology
CL	Christian Leadership	School of Ministry
BS	Biblical Studies	School of Healing
BT	Biblical Theology	School of Theology
GS	General Studies	School of Ministry
PM	Pastoral Ministry	School of Ministry
RE	Religious Education	School of Deliverance

Certificate of Pastoral Ministry is awarded through the School of Ministry upon the successful completion of 15 credits of Pastoral Ministry courses

PM102	Homiletics	3 credits
PM103	Officiating Christian Sacraments	3 credits
PM104	Caring for God's People	3 credits
BT122	Teaching Tactics	3 credits
BT130	Anointed Preaching	3 credits

Diploma of Pastoral Ministry is awarded through the School of Ministry upon the successful completion of 30 credits of Pastoral Ministry courses.

PM101	Preaching and Teaching Dynamics	3 credits
PM102	Homiletics	3 credits
PM103	Officiating Christian Sacraments	3 credits
PM104	Caring for God's People	3 credits
PM105	Pastoral Counseling	3 credits
BT110	Evangelism	3 credits

BT111	Basics of Christianity	3 credits
BT122	Teaching Tactics	3 credits
BT128	Theology of Worship	3 credits
CL116	Visionary Leadership	3 credits

Diploma of Christian Leadership is awarded upon the successful completion of 30 credits of the following Christian Leadership courses in the School of Ministry:

CL101	Management in Leadership	2 Credits
CL102	Leadership Position	2 Credits
CL103	Leaders and the Anointing	2 Credits
CL104	Qualifications for Leaders	2 Credits
CL105	Servanthood Leadership	2 Credits
CL106	Shepherding Leadership	2 Credits
CL107	Leadership Task	2 Credits
CL108	Leadership Decision-Making	2 Credits
CL109	Conflicts and Discipline	2 Credits
CL110	Training Leaders and Followers	2 Credits
CL111	Facing Failure	2 Credits
CL112	Success Principles	2 Credits
CL113	Counting the Cost	2 Credits
CL114	Leadership Dynamics	4 Credits

Diploma of Religious Education is awarded upon the successful completion of 30 credits of Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance courses.

RE101	Principles of Spiritual Warfare	4 credits
RE102	Knowing and Engaging the Enemy in Spiritual Warfare	4 credits
RE103	Entering the Combat Zone	4 credits
RE104	Understanding the Ministry of Deliverance	4 credits
RE105	Exercising Your Authority in Deliverance	4 credits
RE106	Insight and Counterstrategies for handling demonic Control	4 credits
RE107	Understanding Terminology	4 Credits
RE108	Qualified for the Deliverance Ministry	2 Credits

Diploma of Biblical Studies is awarded upon the successful completion of 30 credits of the following Operating in the Gift of Healing courses:

BS101	The Battle for the Body	4 credits
BS102	The Attack	4 credits
BS103	The Counterattack	4 credits
BS104	Conquering challenges	4 credits
BS105	Strategies for Healing	4 credits
BS106	Strategies for Deliverance	4 credits
BS107	Kingdom Living	4 credits
BS112	God's Provision for Healing	2 credits

Diploma of Christian Education upon the successful completion of 30 credits of the following **Theology** courses:

CE101	Creative Bible Study Methods	10 credits
CE102	Faith and Foundation	10 credits
CE103	Knowing the Voice of God	10 credits

ASSOCIATE DEGREE:

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development offers Associate Degrees in the following areas:

Associate Degree in Religious Education upon the successful completion of 30 credits of Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance courses, 24 Core Course and 6 Elective Courses. Courses earned in the diploma program can be applied to your associate degree program.

Major Courses:

RE101	Principles of Spiritual Warfare	4 credits
RE102	Knowing and Engaging the Enemy in Spiritual Warfare	4 credits
RE103	Entering the Combat Zone	4 credits
RE104	Understanding the Ministry of Deliverance	4 credits
RE105	Exercising Your Authority in Deliverance	4 credits
RE106	Insight and Counterstrategies for handling demonic Control	4 credits
RE107	Understanding Terminology	4 Credits
RE108	Qualified for the Deliverance Ministry	2 Credits

Core Courses:

BT109	Developing a Biblical World View	10 credits
BT113	Prayer and Intercession	10 credits
GS110	English	4 credits

Associate Degree in Biblical Studies upon the successful completion of 30 credits of the following Operating in the Gift of Healing courses; 24 Core Course and 6 Elective Courses. Courses earned in the diploma program can be applied to your associate degree program.

Major Courses:

BS101	The Battle for the Body	4 credits
BS102	The Attack	4 credits
BS103	The Counterattack	4 credits
BS104	Conquering challenges	4 credits
BS105	Strategies for Healing	4 credits
BS106	Strategies for Deliverance	4 credits
BS107	Kingdom Living	4 credits
BS112	God's Provision for Healing	2 credits

Core Courses:

BS109	Ministry of the Holy Spirit	10 credits
BS110	Prayer that Heals the Heart	10 credits
GS110	English	4 credits

Associate Degree in Christian Education upon the successful completion of 30 credits of the following **Theology** courses; 24 Core Course and 6 Elective Courses. Courses earned in the diploma program can be applied to your associate degree program.

Major Courses:

CE101	Creative Bible Study Methods	10 credits
CE102	Faith and Foundation	10 credits
CE103	Knowing the Voice of God	10 credits

Core Courses:

BT104	Bible Survey 1 – Old Testament	10 credits
BT105	Bible Survey 2 – New Testament	10 credits
GS110	English	4 credits

BACHELOR'S DEGREE:

RDM Institute of Spiritual Development offers Bachelor Degrees upon completion of 120 credit hours in the following areas:

Bachelor Degree in Religious Education 30 credits upon the successful completion of 30 credits of Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance courses, 60 Core Course and 30 Elective Courses. Courses earned in the Associate Degree program can be applied to your Bachelor degree program.

Major Courses:

RE101	Principles of Spiritual Warfare	4 credits
RE102	Knowing and Engaging the Enemy in Spiritual Warfare	4 credits
RE103	Entering the Combat Zone	4 credits
RE104	Understanding the Ministry of Deliverance	4 credits
RE105	Exercising Your Authority in Deliverance	4 credits
RE106	Insight and Counterstrategies for handling demonic Control	4 credits
RE107	Understanding Terminology	4 Credits
RE108	Qualified for the Deliverance Ministry	2 Credits

Core Courses:

BT109	Developing a Biblical World View	10 credits
BT 113	Prayer and intercession	10 credits
RE120	Understanding the Supernatural	6 credits
RE115	Identifying Household Witchcraft	4 credits
RE116	Spiritual Boundaries	4 credits
RE117	Spiritual House Cleaning	4 credits
RE118	Spiritual Operation	4 credits
RE122	Deliverance Preparation	2 credits
RE124	Basic Deliverance Process	2 credits
BS118	The Blood is Enough	2 credits
GS105	Computer Literacy	4 credits

GS110	English	4 credits
GS120	Mathematics	4 credits

Bachelor Degree in Biblical Studies upon the successful completion of 30 credits of the following Operating in the Gift of Healing courses; 60 Core Course and 30 Elective Courses. Courses earned in the Associate Degree program can be applied to your Bachelor degree program.

Major Courses:

BS101	The Battle for the Body	4 credits
BS102	The Attack	4 credits
BS103	The Counterattack	4 credits
BS104	Conquering challenges	4 credits
BS105	Strategies for Healing	4 credits
BS106	Strategies for Deliverance	4 credits
BS107	Kingdom Living	4 credits
BS112	God's Provision for Healing	2 credits

Core Courses:

BS109	Ministry of the Holy Spirit	10 credits
BS110	Prayer that Heals the Heart	10 credits
BS111	Healing Anointing	10 credits
BS112	God's Provision for Healing	2 credits
BS113	Authority of the Believer	2 credits
BS114	Worthy to Receive Healing	2 credits
BS115	God's Will When Prayer Fails	2 credits
BS116	How God Sees Us	2 credits
BS117	Pillars of Inner Healing	2 credits
BS119	Is God Upset with Us	2 credits
BS120	The Root of Bitterness	2 credits
BS122	Twelve Vital Keys of Healing	2 credits
GS105	Computer Literacy	4 credits
GS110	English	4 credits
GS120	Mathematics	4 credits

Bachelor Degree in Christian Education upon the successful completion of 30 credits of the following **Theology** courses; 60 Core Course and 30 Elective Courses. Courses earned in the Associate Degree program can be applied to your Bachelor degree program.

Major Courses:

CE101	Creative Bible Study Methods	10 credits
CE102	Faith and Foundation	10 credits
CE103	Knowing the Voice of God	10 credits

Core Courses:

BT104	Bible Survey 1 – Old Testament	10 credits
BT105	Bible Survey 2 – New Testament	10 credits
BT106	Biblical Theology	10 credits
BT120	Power Principle	10 credits
BT110	Evangelism	3 credits
BT108	Discipleship	3 credits
BT140	Ambassador for Christ	2 credits
GS105	Computer Literacy	4 credits
GS110	English	4 credits
GS120	Mathematics	4 credits

COURSE DESCRIPTION

School of Spiritual Warfare & Deliverance Courses:

RE101	Principles of spiritual warfare	4 Credits
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The bible speaks to the fact that we are engaged in a battle which is not fleshly, but spiritual in nature. We are exhorted to war a good warfare. Holding faith and good conscience. In this course students will learn what spiritual warfare is and about and the two existing kingdoms that are engaged in this battle.

RE102	Knowing and Engaging the Enemy	4 Credits
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It is virtually impossible to fight an effective warfare without knowing who the enemy is as well as having the ability to defensively and offensively engage that enemy using proper strategies and weapons. This course endeavors to educate the believer about the rudiments of our warfare.

RE103 Entering the Combat Zone 4 Credits

Any soldier is wise to know the proper conduct and decorum necessary for entering the combat zone. In this course participants will be readied to defensively and offensively fight to protect what is rightfully yours. Students will discover the enemy's strategies and the counterstrategies that are available to you in this warfare.

RE104 Understanding the Deliverance Ministry 4 Credits

Deliverance means that God is providing liberation to an individual from a demonic bandage or oppression. This course is designed to introduce participants to the deliverance ministry and provide information and scriptural support for the process of deliverance.

RE105 Understanding Terminology 4 Credits

Knowledge of terminology helps the believer understand various needs an individual may have and how to properly provide spiritual guidance and insight. This course properly equips participants to address issues and symptoms of demonic onslaughts for more effective ministry,

**RE106 Insight and Counterstrategies for
Handling Demonic Controls 4 Credits**

To effectively take control over demonic spirits and be victorious it is imperative we have spiritual insight into how the enemy operates. This course gives students the necessary insight and the counterstrategies for overcoming the onslaughts of the enemy.

RE107 Exercising Your Authority in Deliverance 4 Credits

It is vital that every believer understands the authority that he/she has through the name of Jesus. This course provides students with an understanding of spiritual authority and how to utilize it in the deliverance ministry.

RE108 Qualified for the Deliverance Ministry 2 Credits

This course will review the qualifications of the deliverance Minister. Students will also be instructed on the 3 stages of bondage and just who can be possessed.

RE 115 Identifying Household Witchcraft 4 Credits

In this course you will learn how to shatter Demonic Altars and expose Household witchcraft: People in the demonic spiritual and occultic realms know the power and understand the principles of demonic alters and household wickedness. So, they use these tactics of the demonic world to destroy innocent people that they don't like or hire to destroy. Most evil priest that operates in household witchcraft and build demonic alters are hired and paid to destroy innocent people. We see in the bible that the children of Israel had been prospering and walking in dominion. They were possessing their possessions and doing well. So a king hired an evil prophet to prophesy

against them and curse them! This prophet understanding spiritual things therefore prepared the perfect altar. When he tried to curse God's people his altar did not work because sin was not found in the people of God. This evil prophet did not give up. He prepared a perfect altar two more times to carry his wicked schemes.

RE116 Boundaries - Breaking Addictions 2 Credits

In this course you will discover that getting to the root of the addiction is the key to bringing a person lasting genuine freedom. I am going to address the most common roots to addictions, and hopefully give you an idea of how this particular type of bondage works so that you can minister lasting freedom to those caught up in this type of bondage.

RE117 Spiritual House Cleaning 2 Credits

In this course you will be taught how to spiritually clean demonic houses; haunted house and land. The Bible tells us that just as individuals can become spiritually defiled, homes and property can also be defiled: *Leviticus 18:24,25, "Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants."*

RE118 Spiritual Operation 2 Credits

In this course you will be taught the spiritual Operation: Did you know that a person can welcome an evil spirit into their soul without even knowing it? It is not an uncommon scene when a person actually welcomes unclean spirits without having to do anything on the outside -- **your thought-life is quite capable of opening doors all by itself!** What happens is the enemy (working through unclean spirits) approaches a person at a time of need in their life, and gets the person to agree with the demon's bait.

RE120 Understanding the Supernatural 6 Credits

In this course you are about to discover an experience with glory of God in a supernatural way. Do you have a desire to catch a Glimpse of God's glory, so like Moses? Then this book will help you to increase your knowledge and understanding of God which will lead you to a higher level of living as you apply the principles that the Word of God teaches. It's very important to have a desire for the Glory of God. Why because there is a transformation that takes place in the presence of God. What have been isn't what always has to be. In the presence of God despair and helplessness melts away. The problems that confront our lives become possibilities, the fear that sometimes grips us melts into fortitude in the presence of God. And most important the filth of sin is washed away in the presence of Jesus

RE121 Prophetic Prayer Warriors 3 Credits

This course will teach the student the prophetic power of Prayer: If you've been a Christian for a while you probably know that prayer is one of the staples of the Christian life. Although we know that, how much time and consideration have we given to really understanding this thing called prayer? Building a strong prophetic Prayer life and understanding Spiritual Warfare through prophetic prayer is very important. One

of the most effective strategies of Satan is to keep believers ignorant of his devices. Paul said it is important to know Satan's strategies.

RE122 Deliverance Preparation 2 Credits

In this course you will learn that Preparing somebody to receive and maintain their deliverance is very important. This is a basic list of things that you might explain to somebody before you walk them through deliverance. I always like to make sure they understand what is going on, and not feel confused or in darkness over the process of deliverance.

RE123 Obsessive and Compulsive Behavior 2 Credits

In this course you will discover that OCD or Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder is known to bring about racing thoughts in a person's mind. Those thoughts can be completely against the real person's personality, and though they bitterly hate the thoughts being there, they continue to pop up in their mind and compulsively force themselves through.

RE124 Basic Deliverance Process 2 Credits

In this course you will learn the most important part of the deliverance process is finding out what their bondages are, how the devil is operating in those bondages, and what we need to do in order to get them set free. Without that knowledge, we are going into the deliverance setting blindfolded. The Holy Spirit plays a very real and important role in this step of the process.

RE125 Disassociated Identity Disorder 2 Credits

In this course you will learn that this subject is invaluable if you are serious about getting people set free. Disassociation is known as Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) or Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD). Deliverance ministers who do not understand this subject will find that in many deliverances, they hit a brick wall and are unable to minister complete freedom to those individuals.

RE126 Radical Deliverance Practices 2 Credits

You will learn that not every one that claims to function in the area of deliverance is necessarily casting out demons. Some deliverance ministers will tell demons to leave, but refuses to get involved with the messy manifestations that often accompany a true exorcism ministry session.

RE127 Biblical Demonology 2 Credits

This course will give you a basic look into the world of demons according to the Bible. As you know, the Bible is the safest and most reliable book to turn to when seeking knowledge on the spiritual realm.

School of Healing Courses:

BS101 The Battle for the Body 4 Credits

There is a great war being waged in the world today. It is not a conflict between nations, tribes, or government leaders. It is not a rebellion or a coup. It is an invisible battle taking place in the spirit world. This course introduces the invisible war in which every believer is engaged.

BS102 The Attack 4 Credits

In Old Testament times a trumpet was used to summons God's people to battle. Today, a spiritual summons is sounding throughout the nations of the world. It is a summons to the invisible war. It is the call to arms. This course issues a call for you to move from a life of defeat and bondage to a life of victory and freedom in Jesus Christ.

BS103 The Counterattack 4 Credits

Before you begin your study of healing and deliverance it is helpful to understand some of the current attitudes you will face as you begin to minister in this area. In regards to healing and deliverance, many believers have...

BS104 Conquering Challenges 4 Credits

In this course you will arm yourself with the Word of God to confront and conquer these challenges.

BS105 Strategies for Healing 4 Credits

Remember the paradox of God's Kingdom you learned in the beginning of this course: As you begin to minister healing, healing will be ministered unto you

BS106 Strategies for Deliverance 4 Credits

In this course you will learn strategies for ministering and receiving deliverance.

BS107 Kingdom Living 4 Credits

In this final course, you will learn how to live in the Kingdom of God as a well warrior.

BS109 Ministry of the Holy Spirit 10 Credits

This study focuses on the ministry of the Holy Spirit, spiritual fruit, and spiritual gifts. Students are guided in discovery of their own spiritual gifts and position of ministry in the Body of Christ.

BS110 Prayers That Heal the Heart 10 Credits

This course teaches a series of seven specific prayers that will break bondages within your heart caused by spiritual forces. These prayers include breaking generational sins and curses; severing ungodly soul ties; removing negative beliefs and inner vows; healing traumatic scenes; and casting out demonic energy that has connected itself to these inner wounds of the heart and soul. The entire healing process is sealed by doing an intensive meditation on biblical passages that bear on the issues being healed so God can grant you illuminated insights from His Word.

BS111 Healing Anointing 10 Credits

The ministry of Jesus was and is a ministry of salvation for the whole man! When we speak of salvation, we speak not only of forgiveness of sins but also healing, deliverance, cleansing and everything else that pertains to life and godliness. Jesus has come to set the captives free! And because He has poured out His Spirit upon us, we may be ministers of salvation – healing for the spirit, soul and body – through the anointing that rests upon us. This practical course will give you keys to flowing in that anointing of God, lessons which have been learned by those who have gone before you and are now showing you the way.

BS112 God's Provision for Healing 2 Credits

Learn how to receive and minister God's healing power. This course lays a solid Word foundation that will release faith for effectively receiving or ministering healing. Presents the ministry of Jesus and the apostles as a pattern for healing today.

BS113 Authority of the Believer No of Credits 2 Credits

This course will teach you how to quit losing and start winning. The Creator revealed His eternal purpose for mankind when He said, "Let them have dominion!" You will walk in a new boldness as you live in victory over Satan and demon powers in your daily life and ministry.

BS114 Worthy to Receive Healing 2 Credits

In this course you will learn that One of the things religion has done is put so much emphasis on our performance that most of us, quite frankly, doubt our right standing with God. What religion has in fact done, is cast doubt and unbelief on the work that Jesus did for us on the Cross. God's Word tells us that in Christ, we are not under any condemnation, but that our sins are totally forgiven! The scriptural fact is that we are created in Christ's righteousness and true holiness!

BS115 God's Will When Prayer Fails 2 Credits

There are so many times, things under the surface that are going on which are never addressed. The Bible tells us that God's people (not the world, but the Children of God) are destroyed (Satan is stealing, killing, and destroying them - see John 10:10) by lack of knowledge (see Hosea 4:6). Somehow, the church today thinks that if we just launch a few prayers to heaven, that the will of God will be done... completely ignoring the whole idea of how a lack of knowledge can destroy the children of the kingdom!

BS116 How God Sees Us 2 Credits

This is another big key to positioning ourselves to trust God with the issues of our life. It is very important to know how God sees us, what He thinks about us, and what His desires for us are. How can you trust somebody who you aren't really sure is looking out for your best interest? How can you freely put your life in the hands of somebody who you perceive may use you and not be trustworthy? That is one of the fundamental reasons why Christians today have a hard time trusting God.

BS117 Pillars of Inner Healing 2 Credits

In this course you will learn in order to be healed, you must have a relationship with the healer. I'm not talking about being born again, but actively having a relationship with Him. Many Christians have what we call a religion with God, not a relationship. Religion seeks to earn its favor with God, whereas relationship accepts what God's Word says about their being made the righteousness of God through their faith in Christ (see Romans 3:22).

BS118 The Blood is Enough 2 Credits

This is a powerful and liberating teaching that we must understand in order to experience true freedom from guilt and shame of our past. It is absolutely essential for us to realize the forgiving power of the Blood of Jesus! Nothing we can do will ever add to or take away from the work that Christ did on the cross. As the song sings, "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus!"

BS119 Is God Upset with Us 2 Credits

How do you perceive your relationship with God? Did you know that your faith depends on how you perceive your relationship with God? A person may have no trouble believing God's Word when it tells us that we have authority to lay hands on the sick, and see them recover, but where that person may have a struggle, is when they doubt their worthiness to walk in such manifestation of God's Spirit. If a person has a problem with feeling worthy, then they need to understand the power of the Blood of Jesus, and what difference it makes to their relationship with God.

BS120 The Root of Bitterness 2 Credits

Bitterness is known in the Bible as spiritual poison and a means by which many are defiled (Hebrews 12:15). It is the source of countless spiritual and physical problems in millions of lives today. The Bible tells us that MANY are defiled by the means of bitterness. Bitterness can be tricky to recognize because it's not a symptom or visible on the surface like anger usually is.

BS121 Keys to Biblical Faith 2 Credit

Faith is trusting in God. Lack of faith is doubting God. The Lord has shown me three things concerning Biblical faith. When you combine these three elements, we can operate in mountain moving faith! In Mark 9, there was a boy that had an unclean spirit, such a strong unclean spirit that even Jesus' disciples couldn't cast him out. They were regular deliverance pastors going about casting out demons on regular bases, but for some reason, when they reached this case, they were unable to cast it out:

BS122 Twelve Vital Keys of Healing 2 Credits

This is your Biblical road-map to receiving your healing just as the early church did! Supernatural healing seems to be one of those subjects that puzzles the church today. Numerous people pray for healing with no results, yet in the early church divine healings were commonplace. Nobody who went to Jesus was turned down. It was clearly God's will to heal the people back then, so why do we see such miserable success rates today? There are a few reasons, and in this teaching will explore them.

School of Theology Courses:

BT104 Bible Survey I - Old Testament 10 Credits

This survey provides an overview of the Old Testament. Study outlines of each book of the Bible are provided for further development by the student.

BT105 Bible Survey II - New Testament 10 Credits

This survey provides and overview of the New Testament. Study outlines of each book are provided for further development by the student.

BT106 Biblical Theology 10 Credits

The Bible reveals the mystery of God's plan which is the unifying theme of the Bible. It is the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Savior of sinful mankind. Jesus explained how the Old Testament centered on Him: "And He said unto them, these are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning me" (Luke 24:44). With this introduction, Jesus continued and "...opened He their understanding that they might understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45). What was the key Jesus gave them to understanding the Scriptures? The fact that its major theme focused on Him: "...Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And Ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-48).

BT108 Discipleship 3 Credits

This course is intended to help you get to the point where you are actually making disciples. So, pray that God would send you someone that you can pour your life into. Let that person know at the outset that you expect them to pour their life into someone else who will pour their life into someone else who will... you get the point! May God richly bless you as you continue to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

BT109 Developing a Biblical World View 10 Credits

This course examines the Biblical world view from Genesis through Revelation. God's plan for the nations of the world from beginning of time detailed. Current worldwide spiritual need is also presented.

BT110 Evangelism 3 Credits

The basic theme of the course is to teach what Jesus taught, that which took men who were fishermen, tax collectors, etc., and changed them into reproductive Christians who reached their world with the Gospel in a demonstration of power.

BT111 Basics of Christianity 3 Credits

If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do? (Ps. 11:3) This course is a non-technical presentation of the foundations of Christianity. It deals with the basics of the Scriptures, salvation, Christian culture, the Holy Spirit, ceremony, faith, worship, healing, Satan, righteousness, peace, joy, prayer, giving, ministry, heaven, and hell.

BT112 Foundational Experiences 6 Credits

An intensive study of the six foundational experiences of the Christian life as found in Hebrews 6:1,2: repentance from dead works, faith towards God, doctrine of baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, eternal judgment. Students will learn how to live in these truths.

BT113 Prayer and Intercession 10 Credits

An intercessory prayer guide that includes guidelines on how to pray, what to pray for, when not to pray, resources for prayer, international intercession and factors that hinder prayer.

BT114 Bible Speaks to Contemporary Issues 5 Credits

In this course we will examine the foundation of Christian ethics. We will study the Scriptures to discover the precepts and principles we are given about such subjects as sex, family, honesty, suicide, abortion, the education of children, welfare, inflation, humanism, and gambling. We will then go one step further to discover the character of God which provides the foundation of the commands. We will learn to apply the Test of Truth and the Evidence of Truth in any situation. Finally, and perhaps of greatest importance, we will learn how to pass our moral standards on to the next generation.

BT115 Discovering the Blood Covenant 5 Credits

The purpose of this course is to help the student understand the concept of a blood covenant and how it relates to the covenant God has made for us through Jesus Christ. The student learns the basic blood covenant ritual and how God made it known to Adam, Abraham, Moses, and the prophets as a picture of the blood of the everlasting covenant He made for us with the Lord Jesus Christ.

BT116 Kingdom Living 10 Credits

The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 24:14). Understanding of Kingdom principles is necessary if one is to spread the Gospel of the Kingdom. This course focuses on patterns and principles of Kingdom living applicable to life and ministry.

BT117 Mobilization Methodologies (12 Credits)

God's plan for spiritual multiplication is presented. This study reveals how a single Christian can be responsible for the multiplication of thousands of trained and motivated believers. Church growth principles are emphasized.

BT120 Power Principle 10 Credits

The early church was born in a demonstration of the power of God. Power principles taught in this course equip students for spiritual harvest and moves them from being spectators to demonstrators of the power of God.

BT121 Strategies for Spiritual Harvest 10 Credits

The initial call of Jesus Christ to men was to be spiritually reproductive: *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.* His final command that of the Great Commission, also challenged followers to spiritual reproduction. Using the analogy of the natural harvest, this course focuses on promises of spiritual harvest, things that prevent harvest, and the keys to effective harvest. It communicates the vision which the remainder of Institute training equips students to fulfill.

BT122 Teaching Tactics 3 credits

This course examines the methods Jesus used to teach and preach the Gospel. Students are taught how to prepare and present lessons and how to teach and preach the Gospel.

BT123 Leaven-Like Evangelism 5 Credits

The Gospel of the Kingdom spreads throughout the world as leaven in bread dough. The leaven is small and hidden but its impact is unlimited. Effective evangelism strategies are taught, including detailed instruction on the deliverance ministry, church planting, and techniques of networking between ministries.

BT124 Men: A Biblical Profile 5 Credits

A study of all the Bible teaches about men and their role in ministry.

BT125 Women: A Biblical Profile 5 Credits

A study of all the Bible teaches about women and their role in ministry.

**BT126 You Came Unto Me: A Jail and
Prison Ministry Manual 5 Credits**

A complete guide to jail and prison ministry. Includes guidelines for visiting and writing inmates, conducting group services inside an institution, reaching out to families of inmates and ministering on death row.

BT128 Theology of Worship 3 Credits

We will explore the definition and purpose of worship. In addition, we will look at the history of worship in the Church, as well as current trends, and finally, the renewal of worship in the life of the Body.

BT129 Church Triumphant 2 Credits

The church triumphant through the book of Acts. Jesus said, "I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." The book of Acts is the story of that church in action and thus a pattern for our lives and ministries today. God is using this study to restore signs and wonders to His church.

BT 130 Anointed Preaching 3 Credits

This course will teach the student how to get his messages from God and deliver them under the anointing of the Holy Spirit's power.

BT131 Principles of Environmental Analysis 5 Credits

Students learn environmental analysis on an individual, church, and organizational basis. They learn how to analyze the spiritual environment of a village, city, state or nation prior to penetrating it with the Gospel message.

BT 132 Altar Counsellors 5 Credits

This course is to train counselors so you will have properly skilled people ministering around your altars. Whenever you need more counselors, conduct another training session using the manual. We pray that God will use this little guide to help you train an army of men and women that will reap a great spiritual harvest around your altars.

BT133 Prophetic Intercession 3 Credits

The intercessory, prophetic anointing is an unusual one to those unfamiliar with the conditions of the spiritual realm. It can result in various actions, orchestrations, illustrations and proclamations that aren't consistent with mere human intelligence, though fruitful none the less (1 Cor 2:6-16). We will go further into these realities within the depths of this course

BT134 Divine Provision 10 Credits

This course, "Divine Provision," will prepare you personally and your ministry corporately to face what is happening now and what will occur in the future in the financial realm. Your position in the face of the current and impending crises will not be one of weakness, but it will be a stance of strength, faith, and power, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

BT135 How God Sees Us 2 Credits

This is another big key to positioning ourselves to trust God with the issues of our life. It is very important to know how God sees us, what He thinks about us, and what His desires for us are. How can you trust somebody who you aren't really sure is looking out for your best interest? How can you freely put your life in the hands of somebody who you perceive may use you and not be trustworthy?

BT136 Importance of Holiness 2 Credits

No matter how much that we mess up, how many times we fail, if we are walking in the light and loving others, including those who have wronged us, then the Blood of Christ constantly keeps our record clean. Now don't get me wrong, this is by no means a license to continue in sin, but it is a beautiful gift from God that allows us to grow in our walk with Him while keeping a clean and un-condemned conscience. When we are in Christ, the very righteousness of God is upon us by faith in Christ. It is nothing that we could ever earn by good works or acts of righteousness.

BT137 Jesus of the Bible 2 Credits

The Bible is about Jesus. He is pictured or prophesied about in each of the 66 Bible books as well as in countless types in the lives of different characters in the Bible. This course will give you a breakdown of how He is pictured in each of the books.

BT138 God's Authority in the Family 2 Credits

God is our first and foremost authority that must be respected. Second is the husband or father in the home, for he was given authority over his home along with the responsibility for their well-being. Third is the mother's authority over her children. It is right in the Lord's eyes that husbands are in submission to God's authority, wives are in submission to their husband's authority and children to their parents. This is the way God has ordained for us in the Bible.

BT139 Who We Really Are 2 Credits

This is one elementary subject that most Christians still don't fully understand, and it is a powerful key to spiritual breakthrough for countless believers around the globe today! Don't believe you're just an old forgiven sinner just because some pastor tells you so. Look these things up in the Word of God for yourself and know the truth. For Jesus said clearly that if we continue in His Word, we will know the truth and the truth will set us free!

BT140 Ambassador for Christ 2 Credits

We are the ambassadors of Christ. But it seems those who serve in such offices in the world have more integrity than we who serve in the name of our Lord. The ambassador for the United States of America speaks for the president of our nation. He is the president's mouthpiece on foreign soil, just as we are Christ's mouthpiece in this evil world. But or if another speaks those things that are not the heart and mind of our President, then it is the responsibility of the U.S. Ambassador to rehearse the truth and relay the mind of his

leader. Are we to do any less? We cannot be passive when sin is pouring in and putting itself on display in the Body of Christ. We are charged to bring correction, not with lies, accusations, innuendoes, malice and hypocrisy; but with love and grace always seeking to make peace and restore righteousness.

CE101 Creative Bible Study Methods 10 Credits

This course equips students for personal study of the Word of God. Students learn how to study the Bible by book, chapter, paragraph, verse, and word. Other methods taught include biographical, devotional, theological, typological, and topical. Special guidelines for studying Bible poetry and prophecy are presented and students are taught methods of charting and outlining.

CE102 Faith and Foundation 10 Credits

This course stresses the importance of proper spiritual foundations for life and ministry by focusing on foundations of the Christian faith identified in Hebrews 6:1: Repentance, faith, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection, and eternal judgment

CE103 Knowing the Voice of God 10 Credits

This course explains how God speaks to men today and how to find His general and specific plans for life. A Christian model for decision making is presented, along with guidelines for overcoming wrong decisions, steps to take if you have missed the will of God, and methods for dealing with questionable practices.

School of Ministry

CL101 Management in Leadership 2 Credits

This course introduces the ministry of leadership. When we speak of leadership, we are not talking about secular leadership like that evident in the business world. We are speaking of managing spiritual resources for the work of the ministry.

CL102 Leadership Position 2 Credits

The Church is the instrument through which God is presently working to reveal Himself to the world. In this course you will learn about leaders set in the Church by God. You will also learn of other leadership positions which have emerged because of practical needs in the local church.

CL103 Leaders and the Anointing 2 Credits

The Lord wants leaders to be successful and to impact the world for the Kingdom of God. How can you be that kind of leader? Having knowledge of practical areas and the general tasks of leaders will help you become a successful leader. There are Biblical qualifications for leaders which are also necessary. Spiritual gifts, skills, education, and experience are important too. You will study about these later.

CL104 Qualifications for Leaders 2 Credits

When God calls a believer to leadership, He wants to properly equip him to serve. Because specific tasks and callings are different, there are unique qualities necessary for various leadership positions in the Body of Christ. God equips each leader in different ways.

CL105 Servanthood Leadership 2 Credits

Leadership in the world is often measured by power, money, education, and abilities. There are many styles of leadership in the world. By “style” we mean the way in which a person leads. For example, there are dictators who control people. There are also democratic leaders who are controlled by the vote of the people.

CL106 Shepherding Leadership 2 Credits

Another analogy or natural parallel illustrating leadership is that of a shepherd. In the natural world, a shepherd is one who cares for sheep. A “fold” is a group or flock of sheep. In the spiritual world, people are compared to sheep. We are either sheep who have gone astray spiritually (Isaiah 53:6) or who have become part of the “fold” or “flock” of the Lord.

CL107 Leadership Task 2 Credits

In previous lessons you learned HOW you should lead as a good steward, servant, and shepherd. This and following lessons focus on WHAT a leader actually does. Leadership involves many tasks. A task is a responsibility, duty, or job. There is no way we can discuss every task a leader may be called upon to do, so we will consider only the major tasks of leaders.

CL108 Leadership Decision-Making 2 Credits

Making decisions is a difficult task facing leaders each day. Each decision is important, because decisions on small matters over a period of time affect your entire life and ministry. A decision is a choice. You must find an answer for a real-life situation and decide what action you will take. Decisions determine destiny. Decisions made by a leader affect not only his destiny, but the destiny of his followers.

CL109 Conflicts and Discipline 2 Credits

Two important tasks of every leader are providing discipline and solving conflicts. Whenever you work with and minister to people these tasks are necessary. Discipline is correction of those who are wrong. A conflict is a fight or quarrel. A good leader must provide correction and be able to solve problems between his followers.

CL110 Training Leaders and Followers 2 Credits

Leaders must have followers and followers must have leaders. In an average church, no one is designated to develop leaders and followers, yet the future of the Church depends on them. The training of leaders and

followers should begin in childhood preparing youngsters to take their part in the body of Christ. Training should immediately follow conversion at any age.

CL111 Facing Failure 2 Credits

This course is one of the most important ones in this course on “Leadership.” It deals with failure. God has perfect plans, but He works through imperfect leaders to accomplish His plans. Because you are imperfect, you must understand the reasons for failure and know what to do when you fail.

CL112 Success Principles 2 Credits

Successful people are often asked, “What is the secret of your success?” Those in the world system often list education, position, ambition, talent, power, and money as secrets of success. Many books have been written on the subject, but the true principles of success are revealed in the Bible. In this course you will learn Biblical principles of success.

CL113 Counting the Cost 2 Credits

This course is currently under development

CL114 Leadership Dynamics 4 Credits

Whether naturally talented or gifted by God, leaders and followers need training. “Each one teaches one to reach one” is God’s answer to the leadership shortage:

CL115 Building Dynamic Teams

This course will teach you the how to Build Dynamic Team “...they ordained them elders in every church...” (Acts 14:23). Biblical precedent indicates that local churches were governed by a team of elders. God never let the rulership of the body rest on the shoulders of one man, knowing that each of us has weaknesses and limitations, and that no one man can completely represent full truth, wisdom and power as Jesus did. This course will help local church leadership function more effectively as a team, honoring the gifts of all.

CL116 Visionary Leadership 3 credits

Jesus’ leadership approach with His “staff” ran counter to most of the management styles and techniques employed today. In this course, you will explore the three categories of strengths behind Jesus’ leadership techniques: the strength of self-mastery, the strength of action, and the strength of relationships. You will learn a plan to heighten your awareness level in each category and to assist you in the process of mastering them all, which is necessary for you to become an empowered leader in this millennium.

CL117 Management By Objectives 12 Credits

Everything Jesus did centered on the great purposes of God. This course analyzes Christ’s objectives for ministry and teaches students to institute management by objectives in their own life and ministry.

CL118 Biblical Management Principles 5 Credits

A review of Biblical management principles with emphasis on servant leadership, Biblical leaders, and Scriptural strategies for success.

CL119 Power to Prosper 3 Credits

This course will take you on a journey to experience not only financial prosperity but emotional, social, and spiritual prosperity. Modern societies have limited the perceptive of prosperity. The goal of Power to Prosper is to expound on the ways that will allow you to experience prosperity. The power to prosper lies within you through Jesus Christ and the Word of God. The Word of God teaches us how to take dominion and have prosperity. In this course you will discover the vital role many play in their success by discovering the secrets of how to experience great prosperity in your life. Prosperity is not the accumulation of wealth; it is a lifestyle that is ordered by God himself.

GS105 Computer Literacy 4 Credits

This introductory course is designed to provide students with a fundamental and basic understanding of computers through hands-on experiences in file management, word processing, spreadsheets, and graphical presentations. Students will learn the basic concepts of computer technology, which includes concepts and terminology necessary for the understanding of information systems, and develop proficiency in Microsoft Office, in the use of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

GS110 English & Writing 4 Credits

This introductory course is a writing intensive, four credit courses designed to help students practice the skills of close reading and critical analysis. Students will learn to read critically, think analytically, imagine an audience, draft an argument using appropriate language and structure, and edit for clarity and correctness. This course will allow students to build upon concepts, skills, and vocabulary that they will use throughout their ministerial and secular careers and serves as a precursor to preparing sermons and speeches.

GS120 Mathematics 4 Credits

This course is a study of the application of mathematics to the solution of contemporary problems. This course will be an introduction to the techniques and fundamental principles underlying financial accounting as necessary in the operations of a faith-based organization.

PM101 Preaching and Teaching Dynamics 3 Credits

Just as we seek to discover our hermeneutic method from the pages of Scripture, and just as we seek to apply those principles consistently, we also need to recognize that Scripture has much to say regarding how we should communicate God's word to others. These principles on this topic even go so far as to help us think through the appropriate dynamics of communication.

PM102 Homiletics 3 Credits

As leaders and followers alike, **Homiletics** can play a crucial role in Bible study and teaching. For followers, students, it can help us really dig deeper and get the meat of a passage, apply it to our lives, and ingrain it on our hearts. As teachers, it can help us set up lesson plans and Bible studies in a structured way and organize our thoughts.

PM103 Officiating Christian Sacraments 3 Credits

Many people think the sacraments are a pledge or dedication of our lives to God. However, the sacraments are actually much greater and bigger than that. They are not so much things we do for God but are actually the means God uses to bless us. The sacraments—baptism and the Lord's Supper—are vital practices of any church that confesses that Jesus is God and Savior of the world. As such, it is important to understand what they are and why they are important.

PM104 Caring for God's People 3 Credits

Caring for People God's Way will help equip you to respond to the growing needs and provide competent and compassionate care to those who are hurting. It is biblically-based and features some of the best faculty in the world. Our goal is to help you understand the tough issues people wrestle with today and use the Bible with confidence with those who need clear direction and could use some strong encouragement.

PM105 Pastoral Counseling 3 Credits

Pastoral counselor is a bit different than a clinical counselor or therapist. While they may provide similar services, pastoral counselors integrate spirituality, faith and theology with psychotherapy to help people seeking assistance with personal, family, marital and faith issues.

PM106 Principles of Environmental Analysis 6 credits

This course stresses the importance of environmental analysis in planning strategies to reach the world with the Gospel. "Environmental analysis" is defined and reviewed in the Old and New Testament records. Instructions are given for doing a personal environmental analysis and analyzing people groups, geographic areas, nations, regions of the world, and Christian organizations.

PM107 Preaching the Full Gospel 2 Credits

This course is under development

PM108 Emotional Buildup 2 Credits

Turmoil in one's system is usually caused by emotional buildup (things in the past that were never let go of) or unclean spirits. If something is bothering us, we need to make the choice to release our concerns to the Lord. Whether it be bitterness, fear, hurt feelings, emotional damage, feelings of rejection or abandonment,

those feelings are devastating to our spiritual health and must be released from our systems. God's Word clearly tells us to cast our cares upon Him, for He cares for us:

PM109 How God Sees Us 2 Credits

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PM110 Holy Spirit Counseling 2 Credits

Have you ever wanted to truly break free from the chains of emotional baggage from your past? Were you abused as a child, and it seemed to have scarred your life forever? Many people, even with professional counseling never get the healing and freedom that God intended for us. Do you honestly think that God wants us to struggle through life because of the things which happened to us? Absolutely not! So why are so many Christians struggling with the same issues over and over again throughout their entire life?

PM111 The Prophetic Ministry 2 Credits

This essential course for prophets reveals the foundational truths pivotal to prophetic ministry, provides critical advanced training, and helps you grow in your giftings.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. WHY SHOULD I GO TO RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT?

In 2 Timothy 2:15 we read, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” A Christian leader needs to be able to respond with, “thus saith the Lord,” to those who are tired of man’s philosophy.

2. WHO SHOULD GO TO RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT?

All Christians: especially pastors, evangelists, church leaders, youth ministers and leaders, Sunday school teachers, bus ministry workers, children’s church workers, spouses of those in ministry and lay persons.

3. WHAT ADVANTAGE IS THERE IN STUDYING THE BIBLE THROUGH RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, AS OPPOSED TO STUDYING INDEPENDENTLY?

Our courses have been tried, tested and proven to be effective. They are designed to give an organized and consistent plan of study. This will result in a more complete Biblical understanding and application.

4. DOES RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT DISCRIMINATE, IN ANY WAY TOWARD ANY PERSON APPLYING FOR ENROLLMENT?

No, RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT does not discriminate concerning race, color, creed, sex or religion. However, RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT does require all applicants to embrace the Word of God as stated in the Bible and to conduct themselves by the guidelines of the Statement of Faith.

5. IF I ALREADY HAVE A DEGREE FROM A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR BIBLE SCHOOL; MAY I BEGIN AT THE NEXT LEVEL OF STUDY ABOVE MY EARNED DEGREE?

Not necessarily, your placement depends on several factors, including the courses you studied or degrees earned. Each student is evaluated individually.

6. IS RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL OF DELIVERANCE MINISTRY ACCREDITED?

Yes, we have received accreditation through affiliation with Accrediting Commission International (ACI). ACI is the world's largest non-government school accrediting association. RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT meets all of the standards set forth by both of these accrediting agencies. Credits received through RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT are fully transferable to over 183 Bible schools and colleges in several nations who also have accreditation with these same agencies.

ACI is not recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Since we believe in the constitutional right of separation of church and state, we have not applied for accreditation to the U.S. Department of Education or any state or federal agency.

7. IS A DEGREE EARNED THROUGH RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL OF DELIVERANCE MINISTRY EQUIVALENT TO A DEGREE EARNED IN A STATE SUPPORTED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

No, our degrees are limited to only the field of Bible study. RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT is not seeking secular accreditation as we do not offer traditional academic courses such as mathematics, history, literature, science etc. Anyone seeking to meet the necessary qualifications for a specific secular position or occupation should attend a state college or university offering the required curriculum. RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT curriculum is designed for the study of the eternal Word of God... the Holy Bible.

8. WILL ALL COLLEGES RECOGNIZE WORK COMPLETED AT RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT?

No, although various colleges will recognize studies from RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT, each college or Bible school has the right (as does RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT) to accept or reject some or all credits from another college. There are a number of Bible colleges that are not "affiliated" with RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT that welcome RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT credits.

Normally, secularly (or regionally) accredited colleges do not accept credits earned from Bible schools that have not received full accreditation by the state. Under the constitution of the U.S.A. all degrees are equal, but many times colleges and people discriminate.

If you're sole purpose in seeking to expand your education is to better serve the Lord and to prepare for one of the numerous Christian related ministries, secular accreditation is not necessary or required. Any student studying for this reason should benefit greatly by acquiring and furthering your Christian education through RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT.

9. DOES RDM INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GIVE REFUNDS?

No. Since all course materials are made available to a student at the time student purchases a course, no refund can be given.

