

Christian Ministry

The Christian Ministry program at Alaska Christian College is one of four emphases that students may currently choose between for their Associate in Arts degree. All students must complete the 31 General Education and 15 Biblical Core credits, but then they may choose to emphasize in either Paraprofessional Education, Behavioral Health or Christian Ministry. After choosing their emphasis, students must complete 15 emphasis credits. In the Christian Ministry emphasis, these credits consist of:

MIN 201 (3) Ministry Leadership
MIN 211 (3) Ministry Issues in Alaska
MIN 221 (3) Spiritual Formation
MIN 299 (3) Ministry Field Experience
Choice of one of the following:
APL 241 (3) Preaching and Teaching
MIN 231 (3) Youth and Children's Ministry

Purpose Statement

The Associate Degree in Christian Ministry prepares graduate to accept entry-level ministry positions. The degree requirements ensure that graduates have the Bible and Theological training along with the general education background necessary to serve in any church, particularly those in rural Alaskan settings.

Objectives

The AA in Christian Ministry enables the student to do the following:

- To serve as leaders in ministry contexts within the church, community, and world.
- To develop techniques and strategies necessary for successful ministry practice.
- To demonstrate these techniques and strategies through practical ministry experience.

Assignments were collected from the Christian Ministry courses. For each assignment information was collected regarding the program objective that was met by the assignment, total points possible on the assignment, number of points required for a student's assignment to be considered "successful," the number of successful and unsuccessful attempts, and the successful and unsuccessful scores. It is crucial that in the coming year at least one assignment from every course in the Christian Ministry emphasis is assessed.

Although not every Christian Ministry course was assessed, all program objectives were covered by those assignments that were evaluated, as shown on the chart below. Additional assignments over a broader range of classes should be collected in the future.

Program Objective: To serve as leaders in ministry contexts within the church, community, and world. Three assignments were collected that supported this program objective. The following spreadsheet shows the success on these assignments:

Course	Assignment	# Successful	# Unsuccessful	% Successful	How did this assignment meet the objective?	Additional comments from the instructor.
MIN 211	Biographical/Cultural Essay	1	0	100%	This assignment examined the student's own culture and life story.	None.
MIN 201	Final Assessment Paper	11	1	92%	Students assessed themselves near the beginning of the semester, then were placed in complementarian groups to lead a group ministry project with a local ministry	The only unsuccessful student example was not turned in.
MIN 299	Ministry Attendance Log Sheet	2	0	100%	Students were required to complete at least 45 hours of an externship at a local ministry through a leadership position	

Next Steps

This semester included numerous protocols that were in place for COVID-19. These were effective in ensuring the safety of the students while on campus, but additionally had many adverse effects on the outcomes of various assessments. As online learning tools become more prolific with the pandemic, further training and familiarity with tools for distance education will enhance the learning experience of the students. It is also anticipated that greater familiarity with the educational tools will have a beneficial impact on subsequent semesters.

Conclusion

The program objective *to serve as leaders in ministry contexts within the church, community, and world* is being met through the assignments in the Christian Ministry program.

Program Objective: To develop techniques and strategies necessary for successful ministry practice. Three assignments were collected that supported this program objective. The following spreadsheet shows the success on these assignments:

Course	Assignment	# Successful	# Unsuccessful	% Successful	How did this assignment meet the objective?	Additional comments from the instructor.
MIN 201	Final Assessment Paper	11	1	92%	Students assessed themselves near the beginning of the semester, then were placed in complementarian groups to lead a group ministry project with a local ministry	The only unsuccessful student example was not turned in. This is the first course students take in the Christian Ministry A.A. so while they put together a group vision, mission, goals, and then complete the project it is often fairly "raw" when compared to later coursework in the program.
MIN 201	Grading Group Leadership Project	11	1	92%	Group vision, mission, and goals for working with a local ministry.	None.
MIN 299	Personal, Educational, and Ministerial Goals for Externship	1	1	50%	Students were to set leadership goals for themselves during the externship, strategize how to achieve them, and then to assess	Unsuccessful assignments included incomplete sections and sections that were not thought through - just

					them at the end of the semester	simply completed.
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Next Steps

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Conclusion

The program objective *to develop techniques and strategies necessary for successful ministry practice* is being met through multiple assignments across a range of classes in the Christian Ministry program.

Program Objective: To demonstrate these techniques and strategies through practical ministry experience. Five assignments were collected that supported this program objective. The following spreadsheet shows the success on these assignments:

Course	Assignment	# Successful	# Unsuccessful	% Successful	How did this assignment meet the objective?	Additional comments from the instructor.
MIN 201	Final Assessment Paper	11	1	92%	Students assessed themselves near the beginning of the semester, then were placed in complementarian groups to lead a group ministry project with a local ministry	The only unsuccessful student example was not turned in. This is the first course students take in the Christian Ministry A.A. so while they put together a group vision, mission, goals, and then complete the project it is often fairly "raw" when compared to later coursework in the program.
MIN 299	Personal, Educational, and Ministerial Goals for Externship	1	1	50%	Students were to set leadership goals for themselves during the externship, strategize how to achieve them, and then to assess them at the end of the semester	Unsuccessful assignments included incomplete sections and sections that were not thought through - just simply completed

MIN 299	Ministry Attendance Log Sheet	2	0	100%	Students were required to complete at least 45 hours of an externship at a local ministry through a leadership position	None.
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Next Steps

This semester included numerous protocols that were in place for COVID-19. These were effective in ensuring the safety of the students while on campus, but additionally had many adverse effects on the outcomes of various assessments. As online learning tools become more prolific with the pandemic, further training and familiarity with tools for distance education will enhance the learning experience of the students. It is also anticipated that greater familiarity with the educational tools will have a beneficial impact on subsequent semesters.

Conclusion

The program objective *to demonstrate these techniques and strategies through practical ministry experience* is being met through multiple assignments across a range of classes in the Christian Ministry program.