

Q: What is the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: The Forerunner School of Ministry is a program founded by Pastor Patrick H. Schatzline to develop students into full-time ministry. The Forerunner School of Ministry is designed to train students in one of our five-fold focuses of ministry training as well as provide the appropriate education designed for effective ministry.

Q: Will I be able to become a licensed A/G minister through the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: Yes. Within two years of completing the recommended curriculum at the Forerunner School of Ministry, a student can receive credentials through the Assemblies of God.

Q: What is the difference between the Forerunner School of Ministry and a Master's Commission?

A: The Forerunner School of Ministry is designed for students who have a definite call into one or more of our five-fold focuses: Evangelism, Pastoral, Missions, Worship, and Audio/Video Tech. Through our program you have the opportunity to earn an associate, bachelor's, or master's degree. The Forerunner School of Ministry also offers an intense travel schedule and an opportunity to work in the offices of an evangelistic ministry that is touching the nations along with being a key part of a local church, The Summit Church at Birmingham.

Q: As a part of the Forerunner School of Ministry, what will I be doing?

A: One of the unique aspects of the Forerunner School of Ministry is that when a new student arrives, they step into full-time ministry. A large part of this involves traveling with our evangelists and pastors on staff here at Mercy Seat Ministries, Inc. Many of these events involve stadium events, pastoral and youth conferences, school assemblies, crusade events, youth camps, and marriage conferences. When not on the road, students work in the offices of Mercy Seat Ministries, Inc., direct and put on city outreaches, serve The Summit Church at Birmingham, and take part in powerful chapel services.

Q: How does the semester system work at the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: At the Forerunner School of Ministry, one year is divided up into three semesters: Spring, Summer, and Fall. The Spring and Fall Semesters involve academic and practical ministry phases, while the Summer Semester is strictly an internship program.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: How much will a semester at the Forerunner School of Ministry cost?

A: The cost of a Spring or Fall Semester at the Forerunner School of Ministry cost is \$2750. The Summer Semester costs \$2750 also. All semesters where students take Berean courses through Global University will be \$2750 which includes travel, housing, and Berean courses. Students are also allowed to apply for Veteran's G.I. Bill in order to financially assist in tuition costs.

Q: What is the length of the program?

A: The Forerunner School of Ministry is a two-year program. After two years, a student can be sent out to do one of four things: Help plant a Forerunner School of Ministry at another location, Enter a Satellite program, Become staff at Mercy Seat Ministries, Inc., or take a position at a church

Q: Is transportation provided once I get to Birmingham?

A: Personal transportation is not provided. Students of The Forerunner School of Ministry are strongly encouraged to bring their own vehicle for personal transportation.

Q: Where will I live?

A: Male and female students are housed in ministry houses and the rent and utilities are included in tuition. Home openers are sometimes used to house students.

Q: Who do I contact about the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: For information about the Forerunner School of Ministry, please call our admissions office at (205) 655-2458 and ask for Pastor Alex, our Director or Pastor Jamie, our Admissions Director.

Q: While being a student at the Forerunner School of Ministry, am I allowed to date?

A: The Forerunner School of Ministry implements a very distinctive relationship policy with its students. If a student becomes attracted to another student they begin a process called observation. During observation, a student will observe the individual for at least 6 months, during which they will tell no one about their feelings. After 6 months the student will go to Pastor Pat or Pastor Alex who will discuss the possibility of courtship if the other party feels the same way.

Q: How can I raise funds to pay for attending the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: Students in the past have sent out supporter letters or gone to businesses to raise support.

Q: How will my giftings be used once I come to the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: When a student arrives at the Forerunner School of Ministry, a test is given to them to determine where to place the student and what area(s) of ministry the student will be involved in.

Q: When I become a student at the Forerunner School of Ministry, what will be the nature and the load of student homework?

A: Homework for a student can be divided into two segments: Academic and Ministry. Homework a student will receive from Global University is considered academic homework and will be received on a very regular basis. Homework a student receives that involves leadership teachings, sermon writing, book reports, and other special assignments are considered ministry homework and will be received on a weekly basis. Most academic assignments are to be completed after office hours on the students own time.

Q: Will I receive one on one time with Pastors Pat and Karen Schatzline?

A: Students attending the Forerunner School of Ministry will receive occasional time with Pastors Pat and Karen Schatzline and will also be poured into by The Summit pastoral staff and staff evangelists.

Q: What will I be doing when I am on a ministry trip?

A: Students taking part in ministry trips will be involved in illustrated sermons, human videos, product sales, community outreaches, armor bearing, and worship.

Q: Is there drama ministry at the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: The Forerunner School of Ministry has a very active and powerful drama department, which executes illustrated sermons, human videos, drama teachings, and skits at The Summit Church and all across the nation.

Q: Can a married person become a student at the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: Unfortunately, because of our intense travel and office schedule, we cannot accept married students.

Q: How much personal money should I bring for a term?

A: When students come to the school, they must have the personal finances to pay for food, gas, and anything else the student would wish to purchase.

Q: Can course credits taken with Global University classes be transferred to another college or university?

A: Absolutely. The credit transfer system can work the same way at the Forerunner School of Ministry as it would at any other college if the student is in contact with counselors at the respective universities making sure the classes will transfer in the fields they are studying.

Q: Is there an application deadline?

A: Yes. A prospective student's application must be sent to The Forerunner School of Ministry at least 45 days before the term begins. Occasional exceptions are made under special circumstances.

Q: Can I work a part time job while being a student at the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: For their first semester, students cannot work an outside job because it is so important for them to develop a strong foundation during their first term. For their second semester, a student can work up to 15 hours a week at the director's discretion. Students in semesters and beyond will meet with the director to discuss the number of hours per week.

Q: What is the spiritual atmosphere at the Forerunner School of Ministry? Are students really excited about Jesus?

A: The spiritual atmosphere at the Forerunner School of Ministry can be described in one word – unbelievable. Even during office hours, one can feel the Holy Spirit flowing through the offices. Besides the discipleship trainings, there are prayer schedules, numerous weekly chapels, and spirit-filled worship that is truly refreshing.

Q: Does the school's location enhance learning and ministry opportunities?

A: The Forerunner School of Ministry is located in Birmingham; a major city where opportunities for ministry abound! Birmingham is a beautiful city nestled between the Appalachian Mountains and the Gulf of Mexico, and has many hurting people in need of a loving God. Outreach and school opportunities are numerous!

Q: Does the Forerunner School of ministry accept international students?

A: Yes. The Forerunner School of Ministry accepts all English speaking international students and does not exclude students on the basis of national origin.

Q: Must I be a high school graduate to be accepted for the Forerunner School of Ministry?

A: For enrollment into the Forerunner School of Ministry, a prospective student must either be a high school graduate or have a GED.