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This ministry is a ministry of excellence and integrity. Everyone in this program must have a deep desire to minister to a generation. This program is not for the average, but for those who desire to excel in their callings and go to a higher dimension in their God-given calling.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the office; we are here to serve you. We pray the following information will be helpful to you. We cannot wait for you to join our team!

## ***Applying for the School***

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The following policy has been established to clearly define each student's financial obligations as he/she pursues the call of God upon his/her life through The Forerunner School of Ministry.

- Tuition for Berean School of the Bible (BSB) students each term is \$2,750.00
- Tuition for Non-Berean students each term is \$2,500.00 (Any student not enrolled in Berean School of the Bible is required to be enrolled in either Global or Southwestern Assemblies of God University. These course expenses are in addition to the FSM tuition amount).
- A \$1,375.00 deposit must be made 45 days before the beginning of the students first term and a \$700 deposit each following term.
- Your Initial Deposit can be refunded in specified amounts before predetermined dates preceding the start of the term.  
If you Withdraw:
  - 45+days before term begins - Full reimbursement
  - 30+days before term begins - \$700 reimbursement
  - 15+days before term begins - \$200 reimbursement
  - 15 days or less before term begins - no reimbursements
- Any deposit amount exceeding your required deposit would be reimbursed completely up to the completion of week two during the term.
- Students remaining balance must be paid in full upon arrival.
- Refund Policy for courses through SAGU, Global University, and BSB will be handled separate from the FSM.
- financial department based on the appropriate institution's Refund Policy.

## ***Introduction***

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The Forerunner School of Ministry is a program established by Drs. Patrick H. and Karen S. Schatzline of Mercy Seat Ministries, Inc. Our goal and vision is to raise up students into full-time ministry. Our heart is to train students in every aspect of ministry while imparting the appropriate educational foundation through a well-rounded program.

The Forerunner School of Ministry has partnered with several accredited, as well as certificate programs to help bring our students strong academic options. These programs offer a wide range of academic options, from certificates of ministry to Doctorate programs. The staff at FSM helps students decide which academic track best meets their needs.

The Forerunner School of Ministry is unique in that in addition to the university courses offered we provide teaching and courses taught by our pastoral staff, as well as other world renowned communicators in both ministry and leadership.

The Forerunner School of Ministry, seeks to produce strong spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and relational disciplines of Jesus Christ in a generation that has been "called out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

It is our desire that this would be the beginning of a relationship that lasts throughout eternity.

## **Applying for the School**

### **Applying for Forerunner School of Ministry:**

Feel free to go online (<http://www.forerunnerschoolofministry.com>) or contact the offices of The Forerunner School of Ministry. Fill out an application and send it to the FSM offices: *P.O. Box 1150 Trussville, AL 35173*

### **When to apply:**

Applications must be submitted at least two months before the semester starts. Evaluation will begin upon the arrival of the complete application. Please allow 3-4 weeks for the processing of your application. Late application fees apply to all applications received less than 60 days before the term begins..

### **Application**

Please complete all questions in the application package. When finished, please sign and date the form to avoid any delay in the processing of your application. Send the completed application and the \$75 application fee to FSM.

### **Transcript Request**

Request certified transcripts directly from the high school of your graduation or the last college or university that you may have attended. Transcripts and GED certificates must be sent directly to FSM from the issuing educational body.

### **Recommendations:**

*References from an Educator, Pastor, and Friend:* The Educator's reference will need to be an instructor you formerly or presently are enrolled in their class. A pastoral recommendation form must be completed by a pastor (non-relative) from your home church. A Senior Pastor's recommendation is preferred; however, a Youth Pastor or an Associate Pastor's recommendation is also acceptable.

### **Photograph**

Attach a clear recent photo and submit it with your application. Please make sure that your photo is at least wallet size. Passport photos, computer generated and scanned images are acceptable if they are very clear.

## School Requirements

### When to apply:

Applicants may apply up to one year prior to the beginning date of the semester for which they wish to enroll. Evaluation will begin upon receiving the completed file.

Note: Accepting and declining information cannot be provided by telephone.

### Requirements:

All applicants for admission must meet the following requirements to receive consideration for admission:

<b>Character</b>	Students will be expected to live in accordance with Godly principles as stated in the Forerunner Manuel and must have done so upon enrollment at FSM.
<b>Academic</b>	Applicant must have completed high school with a certified diploma or have acquired a GED.
<b>Age</b>	Applicants <i>MUST</i> be 18 years of age by the end of the first semester in which they are enrolling.
<b>Fee</b>	A non-refundable \$75 application fee (US Funds) must be sent with your application. Send a check or money order attached to your application forms made payable to Mercy Seat Ministries, Inc.

Applicants who wish to postpone enrollment for up to one-year are not subject to reapplication fees. Applicants postponing enrollment for more than one year must reapply.

### Application Form:

You can download our application in Adobe PDF form on the web, or contact us and we will send you an application.

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**Rules of Relationships, Friendships, and the Opposite Sex**

**Personal**

1. Everyone involved in the internship must realize, unless approved by the President, no relationships in the area of dating are allowed. If you are interested in someone, don't tell anyone. Watch them for 6 months and after the time period, speak to the Director before making any moves or comments to anyone!
2. At all times, everyone in the internship must conduct themselves with complete integrity in all relationships.
3. Under no circumstances can anyone become involved intimately. This includes with people outside of the internship.
4. Remember, at all times you are representing Christ, yourself, your family, Mercy Seat Ministries, The Forerunner School of Ministry, and The Summit Church.

**Non-personal**

1. No one will receive phone numbers, emails, email addresses, or addresses from the opposite sex. This is for your and their protection.
2. No one is ever to be alone with the opposite sex. This includes indoors, outdoors, vehicles, long walks, etc.
3. No intern should ever be in the opposite sex's room (standing alone or in a group outside their room).
4. There is a zero tolerance policy in the regards to flirting, wrestling or any form of physical suggestive behavior with the opposite sex.
5. If you harm a person, you will be turned over to the proper authorities.

## **Student Life** **Samples of Guidelines & Requirements**

### **In the Event of...**

1. If you get a note handed to you – give it to the Trip Leader and let the person know of the guidelines. Do not read it!
2. If you receive a call, email or letter in the mail – Ignore it!
3. If someone approaches, touches, suggests, or comes on to you – Inform your leader right away!
4. If you don't know what to do – Ask Your Trip Leader or Call the Director!

\*Above rules are taken from the student manual section of the Trip Etiquette with the opposite sex.

### **Check in Guidelines**

- Always call the Dean and the Director before planning an activity to make sure it is okay. Do not do it on the last minute. Plan ahead so that if it needs time for consideration, there is. Fill out an 'Outside Activities' Form and hand it in. Always have ready the activity's details: time, place, what it is, who's all going, how you're getting there, phone numbers, etc.
- If you cannot reach the Dean or the Director, call the Administrative Director. If you are not able to reach any of them, you don't go.
- You must contact your leaders to let them know where you are and how late you will be. If plans change, call them again.
- If you are living with a home opener, always let them know where you are and when you will be home. Remember to respect their rules and not overstep your bounds or be an inconvenience by coming and going at odd hours.

## **From the President**

Dear Student,

Thank you for considering The Forerunner School of Ministry as part of your future. We are blessed and honored. Our heart beat for you is simply this: to raise you up in the calling God has destined for you by training you, educating you and equipping you with every possible weapon you'll need to declare freedom and love to this generation.

The Forerunner School of Ministry is for those who feel the consistent calling into full-time ministry. Weather it be worship, pastoral ministries, or even if you don't know yet, we want to launch you into something great.

Currently, we've launched over 200 students into their destinies through full-time ministry to become world changers. It is our same hope and prayer that you would experience the very power and presence these students rely on everyday as they are leading a generation in the greatest revolution this world has ever experienced.

God has not only raised these students up, but He is also raising you up you to change nations. God is still listening for those who will cry out, 'Here am I, send me!' This is an opportunity for you to answer that cry and it's our desire to see that come to pass.

We can't wait to see you in the midst of your destiny.

Declaring It to the Next Generation,



Dr. Patrick H. & Dr. Karen Schatzline  
President/ Founders

## General Information

### **School History:**

Gideon's Army was established by Mercy Seat Ministries, Inc. in 1998 by Drs. Pat and Karen Schatzline. The school started as an internship designed to raise up next generation leaders. As the vision of Mercy Seat grew, more and more students came with the call of God on their lives

In the fall of 2001, the program changed from Gideon's Army to The Forerunner School of Ministry; a program designed to raise up men and women of God who are called into the full-time ministry with education, ministry training, and hands on experiences.

Since its establishment in 2001, The Forerunner School of Ministry has offered courses through Global University's Berean School of the Bible. In 2008, The Forerunner School of Ministry began it's partnership with Southwestern Assembly of God University in order to combine the FSM's hands on ministry training curriculum with the accredited academics of S.A.G.U.

<p>The Forerunner School of Ministry does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, physical disability, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational, hiring policies, admission policies and other institution-administered programs.</p>
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## Tuition and Costs

### **Tuition:**

This college is financed by God's people, churches, and individuals as they have been led by the Holy Spirit to see the need for a Bible-trained ministry. Because of this, The Forerunner School of Ministry endeavors to keep the students expenses at the lowest possible levels.

#### **Tuition charges are as follows: (subject to change)**

##### **The Forerunner School of Ministry\***

Application Fee.....	\$75.00
One Semester.....	\$2,750.00
One Year.....	\$8,250.00

\*includes Berean School of the Bible in cost

##### **The Forerunner School of Ministry if doing Global or Southwestern A/G University\***

Application Fee.....	\$75.00
One Semester.....	\$2500.00
One Year.....	\$7500.00

\*costs for Global or SAGU are NOT applied here.

## **Educational Options**

### **Global University**

Global University is a worldwide distance education provider, bringing tools for evangelism, discipleship, and training to 180 countries around the world in 152 languages. Because Global University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council, you can be assured of quality in content, instructional design, and service.

Global University has a combined history of more than 80 years of service. The goal is to make evangelism, discipleship, and training accessible to everyone-everywhere. Global University is a suggested criteria by The Forerunner School of Ministry.

### **Berean School of the Bible**

Whether God has called you to minister from the pulpit or the puppet stage, from the classroom or the cafeteria, or from the hospital or the home, Berean School of the Bible has the courses you need to improve your understanding and presentation of God's Word. These inspirational, practical courses use the local church and community as a "learning lab" for students to use the knowledge they are gaining.

More than 1/3 of the ministers in the Assemblies of God have received their ministerial preparation through Berean School of the Bible. But these courses are not limited to those serving in public ministry. They are ideal for personal enrichment, home Bible studies, and midweek Bible studies. Many courses are available on-line. Berean School is also suggested criteria by The Forerunner School of Ministry.

## **Mission Statement**

### **Five-Fold Mission:**

“Developing a Desire for Daily Devotion, Discipleship, and Direction.”

1. Desire for God:  
To give experiences that stir a burning desire for a deeper intimacy with God.
2. Daily Ministerial Experiences:  
Daily training to give practical ministry experience while working in the offices of Mercy Seat Ministries, Inc. and traveling the nations to minister at crusades, conventions, and camps.
3. Devotion to Biblical Instruction:  
Developing a Godly lifestyle that will give a solid Biblical foundation while taking accredited Bible courses.
4. Discipleship from Ministry Leaders:  
Practical sessions to give one-on-one discipleship and mentoring from Drs. Patrick H. and Karen S. Schatzline as well as other evangelists and staff leaders of Mercy Seat Ministries, Inc.
5. Direction for Ministry Life:  
Tracks used to give specialized training in following areas of ministry:
  - A. Worship
  - B. Evangelism
  - C. Missions
  - D. Media
  - E. Pastoral

## ***Ministry Tracks***

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The Forerunner School of Ministry is a yearly program that is broken down into the five training tracks of ministry. Each track is covered with teachings, sermons and other criteria. Each track is designed to cover a major area of ministry. Here is the following breakdown of each track:

### **Worship:**

Our worship track is designed to learn different aspects of worship in the church and in your own personal life. You will also be a part of the FSM worship team, as well as The Summit Church at Birmingham worship team, whether that may be playing an instrument, music lessons, or learning how to become a worshiper.

### **Media:**

The technological world has increased over the years and this track is designed to keep students trained in the areas of graphic arts, power point, video and audio production, and CD/DVD duplication.

### **Missions:**

This outreach track is formulated for reaching the lost in other areas of the world. You will have the opportunity to travel to places such as Singapore, Australia, Africa, and the outmost parts of Europe. You will set up crusades, conventions and prepare drama for these different areas.

### **Pastoral:**

In this track, you will learn the principles of the Bible according to theologians of the Old and New Testament. You will also learn how to write a sermon, how to conduct altar calls and how to pastor people. You will know how to run an effective church, ministry, and family after this track.

### **Evangelism:**

You will see evangelism from “the stage” point of view. You will learn what an evangelist has to go through in their day, how they conduct themselves and how they keep their integrity. You will

## ***Educational Options***

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### **Southwestern Assembly of God University**

Southwestern Assemblies of God University has developed a remarkable plan for the church that sponsors a cooperating program of discipleship and ministry training (such as Master's Commission, Teen Challenge Training Centers, or other similar discipleship/ministry training programs) providing up to 24 hours of accredited college level credit for those participating. Your discipleship and ministry training can be organized with an intensive focus on quality Bible-based education. The credits obtained through Southwestern can be continued at SAGU or transferred to other accredited colleges and universities. This entire package is offered through Southwestern's *School of Distance Education*.

Through a specifically designed tuition grant program available only through Southwestern, you will be pleasantly surprised at the costs and the courses your students can take for credit. This innovative concept has been tooled out carefully with other Discipleship Program directors and guidelines have been set to insure student academic success, but not interfere with the participating group's ministry endeavors. As a part of The Forerunner School of Ministry, students who apply to the SAGU Distance education receive tuition discounts towards their courses (see pg. 15). The courses in this academic plan cover the essential Discipleship and Ministry Training Program areas of concern: Bible, Ministry, Prayer, Evangelism, Discipleship, Missions, Practices, and Theology. These courses also meet requirements for ministerial credentials in that they are accredited college level courses.

## **Levels of Leadership**

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three years. They are under the direct supervision of a staff member of FSM. They will be trained by FSM staff in day-to-day operations, schoolwork, sermons and book reports.

Level One students are required to listen to audio teachings and submit a one-page report before arriving to the program. These will be mailed to the applicant upon their acceptance into the program. Upon arrival, there is an intense time of teaching and orientation. This will include training in organization, and in policy and procedures of The Forerunner School of Ministry. Level One students are required to write a series of sermons, read at least three books and hand in a project at the end of the semester.

Level Two students will be assigned as leadership over Level One students. They will also be given greater responsibilities in many areas. Level Two students are relied upon heavily for leadership in the area of outreaches, trips and other outside activities. Upon completion, second year students will have either their Associate's Degree and/or Certification to Preach.

Level Three students will begin to take part in orientation upon arrival of new students and take on another level of leadership. They will be trained by Level Four students in the area of leadership on trips and with office staff. Students will be trained by a staff member and begin to take the role of a Level Four student.

Level Four students are close to completing the program. They will begin to oversee orientation of students and take the leading role as leaders in summer camps and trips. Our goal for Level Four students is to prove, by example, that leading is serving. Upon completion, Level Four students will have either their Bachelor's Degree and/or License to Preach. All Level Four students must be re-evaluated and may consider applying for the extension program of The Forerunner School of Ministry.

## **Ministry Tracks**

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participate in missions, international or local, and you will also learn how to witness and outreach to our neighboring residents.

The Forerunner School of Ministry is a yearly program designed each year to disciple a student in the areas of leadership. Each year there is a set criteria that is placed upon the students in order to graduate from the program.

After your second year as a forerunner, you will have accomplished either an Associate's Degree, or become a certified minister of the Assemblies of God. After your fourth year in the program, your accomplishments are to have a Bachelor's Degree, Ministerial Degree, or have your License to preach in the Assemblies of God.

## Yearly Course Requirements

### 1st Year Program

Course #	Course Title
FY1	Sermon Writing
FY2	Day Planner
FY3	21 Ways to Go Home
FY4	Extreme Makeover
FY5	Armor Bearing a Woman of God
FY6	The Five Love Languages
FY7	Courtship vs. Dating I
	<i>Youth Ministry</i>
YM1	Youth Ministry Tips
YM2	Introduction to Ministry
YM3	Armor Bearing
YM4	Altar Calls
YM5	Sonship
YS1	Ministry Mountain
YS2	Leadership 101
YS3	Youth Ministry Tips
YS4	World Class Youth Ministry
YS5	Why is God Mad at Me?
	<i>Prayer</i>
PL1	Intercession I
PL2	Fasting 101
PL3	Power of Prayer
PL4	Intercession of Worship
	<i>Education</i>
EDU1	Theology
EDU2	Search for Significance
EDU3	Organization
GU1	Life of Christ
GU2	New Testament Survey
GU3	Old Testament Survey
GU4	Sermon Preparation
GU5	How to Study the Bible

## Levels of Leadership

There are levels of leadership followed at The Forerunner School of Ministry. Each level has a set basic curriculum in order to meet criteria for each student. We strongly believe that each student, aside from Beacon University and Global University, will obtain the full potential of this program.

The levels of leadership are determined by what year they are in. For example, if they have been in the program for two years, they are level two students. The only time the levels of leadership change is by the head of the ministry. This is based upon a student's leadership qualities, skills, and academic experience. The levels of leadership are the following:

### Level One

Level One students are students that have been in the program under a year. They are under the direct supervision of the Dean of Students and trained by Level Two students in day-to-day operations. Level Two students will help with all schoolwork, sermons and book reports.

### Level Two

Level Two students are students that have been in the program for one year. They will be under the care of one Level Four student. They will be trained by Level Three students in day-to-day operations, schoolwork, sermons and book reports.

### Level Three

Level Three students are students that have been in the program for two years. They are under the direct supervision of a staff member of FSM. They will be trained by Level Four students in day-to-day operations, schoolwork, sermons and book reports.

### Level Four

Level Four students are students that have been in the program for

## Yearly Course Requirements

### Summer Term

Course #	Course Title
	<i>Students</i>
FSM1	Courtship vs. Dating
FSM2	Mixed Up Relationships
FSM3	The Fire Must Go Forth
FSM4	Devotional Time
FSM5	Integrity Teaching
FSM6	Prayer Life
FSM7	Every Man's/Woman's Battle
FSM8	Effective Relationships
FSM9	Ministry Mountain
FSM10	Passion For Purpose
FSM11	Drama Teams
FSM12	Prayer Life
	<i>Camp Training</i>
YM4	Altar Calls I
FSM7	Preaching 101
YS1	Ministry Mountain
FSM8	When a Leader gets Angry
PL3	Emotions that Destroy a Leader
W4	Forecast for Revival
	<i>Camp Leadership</i>
YM6	Altar Calls II
FSM13	Leading a Camp Team

The curriculum is subject to change throughout the course of the year. Many teachings will be heard by all students at FSM and will be mandatory to attend. Teachings are set aside for Forerunner Chapel Services which are held weekly.

## Yearly Course Requirements

### 2nd Year Program

Course #	Course Title
SY1	Courtship vs. Dating II
SY2	When Warriors Dare to Dream
SY3	Burnout 1
SY4	Burnout 2
SY5	The Ministry of the Spouse
SY6	Courageous Leader
SY7	Ministry: A Woman's View
	<i>Worship</i>
W1	The Pattern of Things in Heaven
W2	How to Do an Effective Altar Call
W3	Worship in the Church and in Your Personal Life
W4	Forecast for Revival
W5	I Go Worship
W6	Worship Team Experience
P1	Prophecy 101
	<i>Evangelism</i>
ET1	Evangelism 101
ET2	Standards and Conduct of an Evangelist
ET3	Overseas Missions
ET4	City-Wide Outreaches
ET5	Pastoral Care
PL5	Intercession II
PL6	Prayer Life I
	<i>Education</i>
EDU4	Hermeneutics
EDU5	Homiletics
EDU6	Tech Training
EDU7	Ethics

## Yearly Course Requirements

### 3rd Year Program

Course #	Course Title
TY1	Catching the Spirit of the Leader
TY2	When a Leader Gets Angry
TY3	When a Leader Loses Focus
TY4	When a Leader Gets Hurt or Offended
TY5	Living Under Open Heavens
TY6	Emotions that Destroys a Leader
	<i>Team Leadership</i>
TL1	Ministry Planning
TL2	Personal Mentoring 101
TL3	School Planting
	<i>Office Management</i>
OM1	Office Management I
OM-F1	Fear in Finances
OM-F2	Department/Project Budgeting
OM-F3	Finances II
OM2	Office Management II
	<i>Prayer</i>
PL7	Intercession III
PL8	Prayer Life II
	<i>Education</i>
EDU 8	History of the Church

## Yearly Course Requirements

### 4th Year Program

Course #	Course Title
	<i>Staff</i>
LS1	Program Layout
LS2	Organization
LS3	Team Leadership
LS4	Church Planting
LS5	Mission Directors
LS6	Coordinate Department
LS7	Planning
LS8	Producing
LS10	Leading A Forerunner School
EDU9	Ministerial Ethics
EDU10	Church Leadership and Administration