

- 1.) Q: What is the Forerunner School of Ministry?
A: *The Forerunner School of Ministry is a program founded, by Dr. 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.*
- 2.) 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 accreditation through the Assemblies of God.*
- 3.) Q: What is the difference 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, bachelors, or masters 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.*
- 4.) Q: As a part of the Forerunner School of Ministry, what will I do?
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. 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, direct and put on city outreaches, serve at local churches, and take part in powerful chapel services.*
- 5.) Q: How does the term system work at the Forerunner School of Ministry?
A: *At the Forerunner School of Ministry, one year is divided up into three terms: Spring, Summer, and Fall. The Spring and Fall Terms involve academic and practical ministry phases, while the Summer Term is strictly an internship program.*
- 6.) Q: How much will a term at the Forerunner School of Ministry cost?

- A: *The cost of a Spring or Fall Term at the Forerunner School of Ministry depends on which educational curriculum a student chooses. Beacon University classes, through which students can work towards a degree and receive financial aid, along with housing and travel will cost \$4575. A Spring or Fall Term using Global University classes, which are through the Assemblies of God but do not provide opportunity for financial aid, along with housing and travel will cost \$2750. The Summer Term costs \$2750 also.*
- 7.) Q: What is the length of the program?
- A: *The Forerunner School of Ministry is a two-year program. After two years, a student will either be sent out do one of three things:*
- 1.) Plant a Forerunner School of Ministry at another location*
 - 2.) Enter a Satellite program with Dick Eastman at the Jericho Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado*
 - 3.) Become an intern at Mercy Seat Ministries*
- 8.) Q: Is transportation provided once I get to Birmingham?
- A: *Personal transportation is not provided. When a student comes to the Forerunner School of Ministry, they are strongly encouraged to bring their own vehicle for personal transportation.*
- 9.) Q: Will I have to find my own housing?
- A: *No. Male and female students are housed in ministry houses and the rent and utilities are included in tuition.*
- 10.) Q: When I come to the Forerunner School of Ministry, where do I attend church at when I am not traveling?
- A: *Students not traveling attend Sunday services at Cathedral of the Cross in Birmingham, Alabama; Senior Pastor Mark Correll. On Wednesday nights, students enter ministry opportunities with local youth ministries in the Birmingham area to help build relationships with local churches and reach out to the community.*
- 11.) 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 Jamie or Jeremy.*
- 12.) 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 for 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 Jody Trautwein, who, upon consent from the other party, will then direct a courtship process.*
- 13.) 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.*
- 14.) 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. Something to keep in mind when asking for donations, is that the Forerunner School of Ministry is considered a 501c3 non-profit organization and anyone who wishes to donate towards a student's tuition is eligible for a tax exemption.*
- 15.) 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.*
- 16.) 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 either Beacon or 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.*
- 17.) Q: When I am not on a ministry trip, what will my daily schedule look like?
- A: *During the school year, a day at the offices will begin at 8:30 am with prayer. Throughout the day, a student will be allotted time to do school work, ministry work, and receive teachings concerning different areas of ministry. The office day ends at 4:00 pm.*

- 18.) Q: Will I receive 1 on 1 time with Drs. Pat and Karen Schatzline?
- A: *Students attending the Forerunner School of Ministry will receive occasional time with Drs. Pat and Karen Schatzline and also Evangelists John Steele, and Jayme Montera around the ministry office, but will also receive 1 on 1 time with them on ministry trips.*
- 19.) 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.*
- 20.) Q: I am a musician. Is there any outlet for my gifting at the Forerunner School of Ministry?
- A: *The Forerunner School of Ministry offers a worship team, which is led by Pastor Stephanie Knight. The worship team, besides ministering at FSM chapels, travels on occasion with Mercy Seat Ministries' evangelists to events across the nation.*
- 21.) 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 all across the nation.*
- 22.) 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.*
- 23.) 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 perspective student must either be a high school graduate or have a GED.*
- 24.) Q: Can course credits taken with Beacon or Global University classes be transferred to another college or university?
- A: *Absolutely. The credit transfer system works the same way at the Forerunner School of Ministry as it would at any other college.*
- 25.) Q: Is there an application deadline?

- A: *Yes. A prospective student's application must be sent to the Forerunner School of Ministry at least 30 days before the term begins.*
- 26.) Q: Can I work at a part-time job while being a student at the Forerunner School of Ministry?
- A: *No. Because of the intense travel and office schedule and the intense nature of the program, a student is not allowed to hold a job, either full or part time.*
- 27.) Q: What will I be doing on the weekends when I am not traveling?
- A: *On the weekends, Forerunners have Saturdays off and usually do group activities around the city of Birmingham. Occasionally, students go to Hamilton, Alabama to Karen Wheaton's RAMP.*
- 28.) 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 is a 24-hour prayer schedule, numerous weekly chapels, and spirit-filled worship that is truly refreshing.*
- 29.) Q: Does the school's location enhance learning and ministry opportunities?
- A: *The Forerunner School of Ministry is located in Birmingham, Alabama, a major city where opportunities for ministry abound! Although Birmingham is a beautiful city nestled between the Appalachian Mountains and the Gulf of Mexico, it harbors tremendous spiritual need as a city that is genuinely tired of dead religion. Numerous outreach, and school opportunities are available!*
- 30.) 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 nation origin.*