



**The Forerunner School of Ministry
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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, whatsoever, do not hesitate to call the office; we are here to serve you. We pray the following information will be helpful to you and we cannot wait till you arrive here!





Applying for the School

If there is a delay in the Financial Aid application being processed, Beacon requires a deposit equivalent to the tuition amount for one course from the student until information is received that the student is eligible for financial aid.

If the delay in the Financial Aid application being processed is because the student has to provide additional documentation, Beacon requires a deposit equivalent to the tuition amount for one course before the student attends class. Students may complete the FAFSA form and apply for Financial Aid at Beacon University through the Virtual Financial Aid Office at: <https://www.vfao.org>.

FAFSA forms are also available at any local high school guidance office. Students receive Financial Aid based on eligibility as determined by the Department of Education formula. Students seeking Federal financial aid can use the FAFSA website to determine eligibility and apply for assistance. FAFSA's website address is <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

Financial Delinquency

Any financial obligations incurred by a student during any term will prevent the student from registering or attending classes during any future terms until the debt has been satisfied.

Refund Policy

All tuition and costs become property of The Forerunner School of Ministry due to the expenses of prearranged students. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the offices of FSM.

Introduction

The Forerunner School of Ministry, Inc. 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. It is our heart to train students in every aspect of ministry while imparting the appropriate educational foundation through a well-rounded program.

The Forerunner School of Ministry, Inc. has partnered with Beacon University and Global University to help bring all students strong academic choices. Both are accredited universities with programs for Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Non-degree programs are also available through Global Universities' Berean School of the Bible for those seeking ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God. The staff at FSM, Inc. helps students decide which academic track best meets their needs.

The Forerunner School of Ministry, Inc. is unique in that along with the university courses offered, we provide teachings from our Founders, Dr. Patrick H. Schatzline and Dr. Karen S. Schatzline, as well as courses taught by our staff pastors. These teachings will be supplied to you upon joining FSM, Inc. as a charter member.

FSM, Inc., as a parent educational institution, seeks to produce healthy Forerunner Schools across the nation and abroad by meeting the spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and relational needs of a generation that has been "called out of darkness into His marvellous 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 FSM.

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.

Requirements

See Forerunner School requirements.

Application

Please complete all questions in the application package. If a question does not apply, write N/A (not applicable). When finished, please sign and date the form to avoid any delay in the processing of your application. Finally, send the completed application and the \$75 application fee* to FSM.

Transcript Request

Using the transcript request form, 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 agency.

Recommendations:

Pastoral: 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's or an Associate Pastor's recommendation is also acceptable.

Photograph

Attach a clear photo that has been recently taken 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.

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School Requirements

When to apply:

Applicants may apply up to six months prior to the beginning date of the semester for which they wish to enroll. Evaluation will begin upon receiving the completed file. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the processing of your application.

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:

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

Applicants who wish to postpone enrollment for two or more semesters must reapply by completing a new application packet and paying all applicable fees.

Application and Catalog Request Form:

You can now download our college catalog in Adobe PDF form on the web. You must have Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the catalog, or feel free to contact us and we will send you an application.

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Student Life

Sample Guidelines & Requirements

Rules of Relationships, Friendships, and the Opposite Sex

Personal

1. Everyone involved in the internship must realize, unless approved by the Director, no relationships in the area of dating are allowed. IF you are interested in someone, don't tell anyone. Observe them for 6 months and following 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, and Mercy Seat Ministries & The Fore-runner School of Ministry.

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.

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!



Student Life

Sample Guidelines & Requirements

1. If you receive a call, email or letter in the mail – Ignore it!
2. If someone approaches, touches, suggests, or comes on to you – Inform your leader right away!
3. If you don't know what to do – Ask Your Trip Leader or Call the Director!

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 Activity Form" and hand it in. Always have the activity's details ready: time, place, what it is, who is going, how you're getting there, phone numbers, etc.
- ❑ Every intern must be invited to every activity. You're not obligated to go, but you should always have the opportunity to join.
- ❑ 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 call into full-time ministry. Whether 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 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,



Drs. Patrick H. & Karen Schatzline
President



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 on the job experiences.

The Forerunner School of Ministry offers pastoral certification and licensing through Global University. Students also have the option to do their schooling through Beacon University, which offers grants and loans when enrolled. Through Beacon University, we offer Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. There is more information enclosed.

This catalog contains current information regarding purpose and objectives, education, teachings and sermons, financial information, rules and regulations, and diploma requirements of The Forerunner School of Ministry.

The Forerunner School of Ministry reserves the right to make necessary changes without further notice in its courses, personnel, procedures, and costs as listed. Thank you for considering The Forerunner School of Ministry.

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.

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.....	\$3000.00
One Year.....	\$6000.00

*(Includes Global University in cost)

The Forerunner School of Ministry

Beacon University

Application Fee.....	\$75.00
One Semester.....	\$4825.00
One Year.....	\$9400.00

Financial Aid

Students at Beacon University may be eligible to receive Federal Financial Assistance. To apply for financial aid, you must go to Virtual Financial Aid Office (VFAO), which is found on the financial page of our web site.

You must complete all six steps before your financial aid verification process can begin. Step one is completing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that must be submitted by everyone requesting financial aid. Beacon’s school code is **032513** and for purposes of completing VFAO, you must use **03251300**. Students receive Financial Aid based on eligibility as determined by the Department of Education formula.





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 a burning desire for a deeper intimacy with God.
2. Daily ministerial experiences- 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- to give a solid Biblical foundation while taking accredited Bible courses.
4. Discipleship from ministry leaders- 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- to give specialized training in these areas of ministry:
 - A. Audio/Video
 - B. Evangelism
 - C. Missions
 - D. Pastoral
 - E. Worship



Ministry Tracks

The Forerunner School of Ministry is a yearly program that is broken down in five tracks. 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:

This 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, whether that may be playing an instrument, music lessons, or learning how to become a worshiper.

Audio/Video:

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 in these different areas.

Pastoral:

In this specific 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

Beacon University

The Forerunner School of Ministry has partnered with Beacon University and Global University. Beacon provides accredited education for those that are pursuing a college degree through distant education. Since Beacon is an accredited University, loans and grants may apply. In order to receive government funding, you must be full time at BU, which consists of four courses per semester, or twelve credits per semester.

The curriculum of Beacon University has been designed to meet the standards set forth in the purpose, objectives, and philosophy of the institution. Based upon these elements, the curriculum of Beacon is, above all else, Christ-centered, Bible-based and educationally sound. The courses are specifically aimed toward the glorification of our Lord Jesus Christ through the understanding of the Word of God as revealed in the Scriptures. A proper understanding of both Testaments, church history, church practices, the humanities, the sciences, and history can only enhance the student's understanding of the Word of God and of life in general.

As is also true of the institution's purpose in general, the curriculum in particular stresses the practical application of theology. It is the college's conviction that this approach will aid in the development of the student toward Christian maturity. The student will become hungry to seek, study, and speak the Word of God. In short, the curriculum is intended to encourage the student's development as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Levels of Leadership

four years. They are under the direct supervision of a staff member of FSM. They will be trained by intern 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 on each 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 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

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 should have earned either an Associate's Degree, or become a certified minister of the Assemblies of God. After your fourth year in the program, you will have earned a Bachelor's Degree, Ministerial Degree or have your License to preach in the Assemblies of God.

Yearly Course Requirements

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 earned either an Associate's Degree, or become a certified minister of the Assemblies of God. After your fourth year of being in the program, you will have earned a Bachelor's Degree, Ministerial Degree, or have your License to preach in the Assemblies of God. The following is the school curriculum for four years at FSM:

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	Baggage Handlers

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 students 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 two years. 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 three 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	Unclaimed Baggage
PL3	Hostage Negotiator
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 twice a week.

Yearly Course Requirements

	<i>Prayer</i>
PL1	Intercession I
PL2	Fasting 101
PL3	Hostage Negotiator
PL4	Pass the Bread
	<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

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



Yearly Course Requirements

	<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

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	Leftovers
	<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

Yearly Course Requirements

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

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