



The Meeting Place

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# Youth Ministry Practicum

**Applicant Version**

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# Overview

2 yrs

Academic credit.  
Work toward a B.A. or  
complete an M.A.

2,000+

Hours of practical  
ministry experience  
within community

100+

Hours of one-on-one  
spiritual mentorship  
& ministry coaching

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Fully devoted follower  
of Jesus, equipped for  
vocational ministry

**The TMP Youth Ministry Practicum** is designed to develop biblically functioning leaders who guide others in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus. For participants, this program offers professional mentorship, theological training, and practical ministry experience.





# Who Is This For?



The **TMP Youth Ministry Practicum** is for a young person with some life experience who is serious about exploring and becoming equipped for vocational ministry in the context of their local church community.



## Young Adult

20-30 years

Some life experience



## Jesus-Follower

Committed to the

MB Confession of Faith



## Financially Supported

Provided for by parents or another supporter.



# Academic Component



## **The Coalition**

**Youth Ministry Leadership**

*"A Two-Year Integrated Vocational Education Program for Youth Workers. Learn and grow through experiential learning, spiritual formation, academic excellence, and intentional community, all while staying in your ministry context."*





As students in the Coalition, participants will experience a dynamic way of learning that fits their life and ministry. This releases them to learn right where they are, in their current ministry context, and in the way they learn best.

**Here is a breakdown of the academic experience.**

## 8 One-Week-Long "Collaborative Learning Experiences"

**(4 weeks/year)**

These are informative and collaborative sessions that leverage a balance of in-person and virtual experience. Assignments focus on real ministry skills and have direct application to students' ministry context. These are not just make-work projects. Instead, assignments focus on personal exploration, theological reflection, and real resource creation that will propel ministry forward.

## Mentored Life

An student's experience will be guided by ministry coaches, mentors, and spiritual directors. A ministry coach is someone who can offer coaching toward a particular gifting or skill set. A spiritual director is someone who can invest in their character and faithfulness.

## Learning Cohorts

Students will attend their one-week-long lectures in the context of an off-site (within Manitoba) learning cohort, a group of 12-25 vocational youth workers from Manitoba. The win of this experience is that while students are learning, they will come away with more than just knowledge--they will also gain community and a network of fellow youth workers.





## Accreditation

While The Coalition doesn't issue degrees, the program has been accredited through academic partners (see below), allowing student to use their Coalition experience in a **Bachelor's or Master's program**. The Coalition's academic partners have accredited the program through the **Association of Theological Schools (ATS)**, which is the accrediting body for most seminaries around the world. It is also approved and recognized by the **Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)**, which is the group that accredits Bible colleges across North America.



## Degree Designation

The most common designation Coalition students earn is a Bachelor's or Master of Arts in **"Youth Ministry Leadership."** Some Coalition partners offer additional specialization depending on the emphasis of students' studies before or after the Coalition. Graduates have also earned degrees in **"Leadership," "Next Gen Leadership,"** and **"Ministry Leadership."**



# Two-Year Course Load

## Personal and Spiritual Formation in Ministry

This course cultivates genuine intimacy with Christ through experiential spiritual practices, small groups, and a 24-hour retreat, deepening personal commitment and equipping students to live and lead with disciplined, Christ-centred faith.

## Youth Ministry Management: Principles and Practices

Effective youth ministry requires managing diverse relationships, responsibilities, and risks. This course helps students identify their management style, develop essential leadership skills, and create a practical ministry handbook that supports safe, sustainable, and impactful ministry.

## Thinking Theologically About Youth Ministry

This course equips students to build youth ministry on a solid theological foundation. By exploring Scripture, the Church, family, and community, students learn to ask theological questions first so their ministry strategies flow from sound doctrine.

## Worldviews and Conversational Apologetics

This course introduces major worldviews and equips students for respectful, conversational apologetics. By strengthening their grasp of the Gospel, students learn to engage people of differing beliefs with wisdom, confidence, and redemptive dialogue rather than confrontation.

## Youth Practicum (via TMP)

This program is a two-year, mentored apprenticeship designed to equip future ministry leaders through hands-on, full-time experience in real ministry settings. Apprentices develop practical skills under experienced mentors in contexts like churches, youth organizations, camps, or schools, with personalized guidance and defined milestones.

## Understanding Today's Youth Culture

This course helps students understand the rapidly changing culture of today's adolescents. By learning the "language" of youth, students develop cross-cultural ministry skills that connect Scripture to teens' real-world experiences.

## Counselling Adolescents and Their Families

This course equips students to understand and care for hurting adolescents facing issues like abuse, addiction, anxiety, and self-harm. Through teaching and practical training, they will learn to recognize underlying struggles and respond with informed, compassionate support in real ministry settings.

## Communication Skills for Effective Ministry

This course equips students with communication skills, teaching message design, delivery techniques, and the mechanics of effective speaking. They will learn to engage teens, parents, volunteers, and peers with clarity, confidence, and impact.

## Adolescent Faith Formation

This course explores the adolescent spiritual journey, equipping students to guide teens from initial faith to deep discipleship, helping them grow spiritually and make a meaningful Kingdom impact in their generation.

## Soul Shaping (via TMP)

Guided by a spiritual mentor, this program emphasizes intentional spiritual formation through mentorship, guiding students over two years in structured "soul-shaping" seasons. Through interactive journals and focused practices, it aims to develop disciples who are equipped to disciple others.



# Faculty



Dr. Marv  
Penner



Sid Koop  
M.A.



Ginny Olson  
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Dr. Andy  
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Clark  
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Dr. Walt  
Mueller  
Center for Parent/Youth  
Understanding



# Ministry Component

## annual

Ministry project related to giftings and interests

## weekly

Commitment to a TMP Youth Ministry program  
**(20 hours per week)**

## biweekly

Meetings with ministry coach & spiritual mentor



The **TMP Youth Ministry Practicum** is designed to immerse students in daily ministry work, preparing them to step into a vocational calling. This experience is best expressed through a commitment to a **weekly youth ministry program**, under the mentorship of both a **ministry coach** and **spiritual mentor**, with the opportunity to pour personal passion into an **annual ministry project**.

Students will also become full participants in the TMP staff community, attending regular staff meetings and “LOL” events.



# Mentorship

An important outcome of the **TMP Youth Ministry Practicum** is that individuals who complete the program will have received over 100 hours of combined spiritual mentorship and professional ministry coaching. Students will meet with **two mentors** throughout the two-year program.

## Spiritual Mentor

This is someone who will invest in your spiritual health and maturity as you grow in integrity, discipline, and wisdom.

## Ministry Coach

This is someone who offers practical assessment and coaching that is relevant to your particular interests and giftings in ministry. This does *not* have to be someone in a youth ministry role.



# Application Process

Potential candidates should apply by sending the following to [tduff@themeetingplace.mb.ca](mailto:tduff@themeetingplace.mb.ca).



## Resume & 2 References

Share your experience working with others!

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## Faith Story

Share your journey with Jesus thus far.  
(1-2 pages)

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## Ministry Calling

Share how you feel called into ministry.  
(1 page)

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## Spiritual Gifts

Share how God has uniquely gifted you.  
(1 page)

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# Timeline



01 **Mar 2026**  
Begin receiving applications and conducting interviews with potential candidates.

02 **Sep 2026**  
Practicum begins!  
You will be paired with mentors. Your first class will be this month.

03 **Nov 2026**  
An annual ministry project is decided upon. Timeline for execution will vary.

04 **May 2027**  
Summer tasks and time off are decided. Regular rhythms will shift for the next 3 months.

05 **Sep 2027**  
Second year of practicum begins. Responsibilities increase as individuals grow in their role.

06 **Nov 2027**  
A second ministry project is decided upon. This can differ from or build upon last year's project.

07 **Apr 2028**  
Applications and interviews begin for our next student(s).

08 **Jun 2028**  
Celebration! You are now equipped to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus, ready to lead in ministry.