

Gap Year / GRAD / Equip Classes

/ NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (TN)

Gap Year – Our objective is to create an environment for students who have completed high school but are uncertain about their subsequent steps and aspire to pursue education centered on Christian ministry. The courses outlined below may be undertaken and adapted to fulfill undergraduate requirements. The program will provide 30 credits, which may be transferable to other universities and institutions.

GRAD – We endeavor to provide opportunities for individuals who have completed an undergraduate degree and are seeking to deepen their faith while pursuing a master's program that prepares them for full-time ministry or a senior volunteer role within the church. This program offers a master's in Christian leadership, which can be completed within one year. New Hope administers this 30-credit program with the support of Anchor Christian University.

Equip Classes - We aim to provide these classes as opportunities for our church family to grow personally in their faith and discipleship. By auditing, individuals can enroll in classes through New Hope U to earn a certificate of completion, which will enhance their understanding of God's word and improve their ability to help lead God's church, regardless of their current role. A small fee will be charged for audit classes, covering administration and online learning software. This audit will follow the same pathway as the other students involved.

In-Person Equip Classes – Utilizing resources from New Hope U, in-person classes will be available several times a year for individuals seeking a foundational step in their faith journey. These classes aim to enhance both knowledge and confidence in one's faith, as well as in the ability to share it with others. Participation in these classes will be complimentary, and they will convene on either a Sunday or Wednesday evening for a predetermined duration. They are open to anyone interested in attending.



Program Design (Gap/Grad/Equip)

Mission-driven alignment and deep integration of the learning design are essential to optimal development of the **3 C's -- competency, capacity, and character** -- in an active learning environment.

The following are key objectives/dynamics that shape this program design:

1. New Hope University will focus on resources, rhythms, and dynamics to provide the essential context, content, and coaching for course delivery.
2. Course selection will balance natural integration with the existing program and strong transferability with target universities.
3. Courses will be enrolled via [Anchor Christian University \(FL\)](#)
4. **New Hope** staff will provide the instructor (and/or GA) role for all courses.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the MA Christian Leadership (ACU) program, students will be equipped to exercise effective leadership within an organization across an intentional framework of mission-driven leadership skills. Success will be demonstrated in the exercise of the following competencies:

1. Exercise of mission-driven leadership that encourages and facilitates collaborative learning at all levels of the organization.
2. Application of a solid understanding of organizations that create and maintain a productive community of learners.
3. Developing comprehensive organizational strategies using skills in evaluating, adapting, and integrating new and existing methods for efficient and effective pursuit of organizational goals.
4. Recruitment, development, and mobilization of employees and volunteers as effective teams.
5. Coordinate board and administrative team activities to create and maintain maximum organizational productivity.
6. Practical and prudent planning and oversight of a nonprofit organization's financial and risk management aspects.



Course List

- **Fall Semester (15 credits)**

- . Session 1

- THE538 (TH538) An Interpretive Study of Biblical Discipleship
 - LDR509 (OL509) Spiritual Disciplines in Leadership

- o Session 2

- THE525 (TH533) The New Testament Church
 - LDR502 (OL502) Organizations as Learning Communities
 - LDR503 (OL503) Strategic Thinking

- **Spring Semester (15 Credits)**

- . Session 1

- LDR504 (OL504) Developing Dynamic Teams
 - LDR508 (OL508) Organizational Communication
 - LDR510 (OL510) Emotional Intelligence

- o Session 2

- LDR511 (OL511) Nonprofit Management
 - THE510 (TH532) Developing a Biblical Worldview

Tuition Costs

Grad school is often expensive. New Hope has negotiated discounted rates with partner universities for students enrolled through our frontline partner network. The following is a quick overview of the net cost calculations for each partner school based on the program design and those discounted rates.



Option 1: Anchor Christian University (AnchorU.com)

Tuition -- 30 credits @ \$300/credit*	\$9000
Frontline Ministry Partner Discount @ \$50/credit	-\$1500
Instructor Compensation Deferred @ \$100/credit	-\$3000
NET COST	\$4500

*Tuition rate is accurate as of 1/10/2024.

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- **Degree:** Master of Arts (MA) - Christian Leadership
- **Financial Aid:** Not available
- **Accredited:** Florida Education Department / Biblical Accreditation / Transfer Credits to Liberty University and several other Christian Universities.

