

Lancaster Bible College
Academic Outcomes
Department of Church and Ministry Leadership
Student Ministry Program
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Inst. Mission: LBC exists for the purpose of educating Christian men and women to live according to a Biblical world view and to serve through professional Christian ministries.

Outcomes assessment for Student Ministry Program

Upon my arrival to the faculty here at LBC, I was tasked with the evaluation and revision of the previous Youth Ministry Program. During the past two years, I have evaluated, revised, and just recently implemented a strategic new Student Ministry Program curriculum.

The previous Youth Ministry Program had not seen significant revision for approximately fifteen years. This being the case, significant revision was needed throughout the curriculum. Much of what was being taught was significantly outdated. In addition to the out datedness, weaknesses were found throughout the curriculum where significant subjects and content had been removed. At the same time other less significant subjects were being taught multiple times. These issues were further accentuated by the entire curriculum being taught by different adjunct faculty with no one common vision. It became clear that a complete overhaul was going to become necessary.

The Youth Ministry Program and curriculum revision included the following three major areas. First, the Youth Ministry Program was to be renamed the Student Ministry Program. Secondly, each class was to be renamed to better fit its current vision and purpose. Thirdly, each individual class's content was overhauled and streamlined to match the overall vision of the current Student Ministry Program.

A large portion of the Student Ministry Program's revision has come about recently. With this being the case, it would be nearly impossible to produce an accurate outcomes assessment for a program that has just been implemented. Further time and evaluation will be needed to accurately diagnose the weak and strong areas of what has been created. I look forward to the time where we can assess, address, and apply weaknesses and strengths in the newly formed Student Ministry Program.

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