



WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE

Training Laborers for His Harvest

CE 551 – Teaching Christian School Curriculum ***Online Syllabus***

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I. Course Description

This is a graduate level course designed to teach the future teacher how to make all curriculum in the Christian School “Christian.” By title alone, “Christian” education should have some unique characteristics quite different from “secular” education. Each subject matter in both the core and elective classes will be evaluated in order to establish principles and truths that can be taught with that subject. Differences will be pointed out between the Christian and secular approach to that subject matter.

II. Course Objectives

- A. To give the student a philosophy for Christian Education that is truly Christian and show them how that philosophy permeates every course of study.
- B. Evaluate the following core and elective courses in the Christian School curriculum.

Bible	Music
English	Art
History	Physical Education
Mathematics	Home Economics
Science	Business
Speech	
- C. To show the justification of teaching the above courses in the Christian School.
- D. To give the student an understanding of the similarities and differences in teaching these subjects in a Christian School as opposed to teaching them in a secular school.
- E. To give practical application of each of these fields of study to the student’s life.



III. Course Requirements

All twelve online lectures must be listened to in their entirety. It is this instructor's opinion that students should download the notes so that they are available for easy review and study. A test will be given after each even numbered lecture covering the two lectures previous.

The book "None Dare Call It Education" by John Stomer must be read in its entirety and the essay questions answered prior to the taking of the final examination. The questions may be found on the pages immediately following the syllabus.

Also, prior to the final examination, you will write a 1,000 word (minimum) paper discussing the importance of presenting all material in the Christian School from a Christian or Biblical perspective. You should answer such questions as "What interest does God have in this subject?" "Why must the Christian School teacher always be looking for ways to apply this subject material to life situations?" How is our philosophy different from the philosophy of the secular school teacher?" Your aim in writing this should be to have a presentation that would help a new teacher in the Christian School go beyond teaching the subject matter to making it "Christian" in nature.

A final examination will be taken at the close of all lectures and when all of the projects are completed.

IV. Course Grading

Your grade will consist of the six tests given, the two projects, and the final examination.

If you have any questions or difficulties along the way, please contact the online secretary at 1-888-694-9222 extension 745 or email her at debra.jones@westcoastbaptist.edu

Remember, you will get out of this course in direct proportion to what you put into it. My prayer is that you will benefit greatly from this material.



“Introductory Comments”

What makes the subject of English, or Science, or Physical Education, or Music “Christian” in a Christian School? Are these subjects automatically Christian because the _____ is a Christian, or because the curriculum is Christian, or because the class is under Christian administrative supervision? How does the teaching of these subjects become Christian?

Christian Education takes place when the study of subjects _____ the growth of a Christian student in the image of God and equips him or her for service to God. To accomplish this, the Christian School teacher must:

- 1) Have a mature spiritual _____, since he or she must understand and embrace the goals of Christian Education.
- 2) Have sound professional _____, since he or she must know the subject well enough to recognize its potentialities for fulfilling these goals.
- 3) Be well-versed in the techniques of _____ to exploit these potentialities.

In these lectures we will look at the uniqueness of Christian teaching in some standard courses of study and the way in which this teaching fits into the total program and goal of Christian Education.

