

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT



min·is·try (mĭn'ĭ-strē)
n. *pl.* min·is·tries
The act of serving;
ministration



Objective: To see **fully equipped, committed** servants **launched** into full-time ministry with their King.
fully equipped – people growing in personal character & practical skill
committed – people who are motivated to do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to see their God
-given dreams fulfilled.
launched – people with clarity of focus released into their target location of ministry

The School of Ministry Development (SOMD) helps equip people who believe God is calling them to serve Him in full-time ministry. Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:2 “And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” The SOMD will impart truth to you and teach you how to pass it on to others so God’s kingdom will expand. Servant leadership will be emphasized. We require a successful completion of the SOMD for all our staff at YWAM Orlando.

Since the SOMD is a registered school with the University of the Nations (U of N), you may receive up to 20 U of N credits upon completion of the SOMD.

The SOMD seeks to help students move to a place where they...

...know themselves

-People are more effective when they know the way God has uniquely gifted them as well as their strengths, weaknesses, skills, etc.

...know the steps they need to take to turn the dreams God has given them into reality

-Many people have dreams that they know are from God but don't know what to do next.

...are prepared to engage in ministry

-Upon completion the SOMD graduate will be ready to take his/her place in ministry just about anywhere in YWAM or a local church ministry.

See back for more specific information.

COURSE CONTENT:

The SOMD is divided into two phases: A three-month lecture phase followed by the two-month outreach phase.

I. LECTURE PHASE

A. CLASSROOM CURRICULUM -- You will receive powerful teaching from Christian leaders and experienced missionaries on topics like:

- Effective Personal Ministry
- Personal Growth (mental, spiritual, social & physical)
- Vision and Values of YWAM International and YWAM Orlando
- Funding Your Ministry
- Strengths and Gifts
- Servant Leadership
- Apologetics
- Spiritual Authority
- Understanding the Call of God

B. SMALL GROUPS -- Purposes of the small groups are:

1. To build deeper relationships with one of the staff members and several other students.
2. To create an opportunity for students to ask questions regarding the teaching, share what God is doing in his/her life, and receive prayer and support from the group.

C. INTERCESSION GROUPS -- Intercession is prayer where we place ourselves in the place of identification with existing needs, seeking the Lord's direction on how to pray, and seeking His intervention in that particular situation. During these times we mainly focus on nations of the world and on needs other than our own.

D. PERSONAL DEVOTIONS -- This time is set aside each day for you to be alone with God. It's the most important time of the day for personal growth.

E. REQUIRED READING -- This is set up to complement the classroom curriculum. This list changes from school to school.

F. COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES -- Each student works about two hours a day on the base.

Some adjustments are made for families. There are also community responsibilities on the weekends. The purpose for community responsibilities is to:

1. Significantly keep the cost of the school down by providing needed help in areas such as maintenance, cooking, cleaning, and office work.
2. The Bible encourages us to do everything as unto the Lord. Working hard and with joy is a class in itself and therefore a vital part of the training.

G. DAILY SCHEDULE -- An average day during the lecture phase might look like below. Evenings are usually free to study and relax, but there will be some school meetings after dinner.

7:00 AM	Breakfast
7:30	Quiet Time
8:30	Worship
9:00	Intercession & Warfare
10:00	Break
10:30	Class
12:00	Lunch
12:30	Break
1:00 PM	Class
2:00	Lab/Small group/Ministry Prep
3:45	Community Responsibilities
5:30	Supper

II. OUTREACH PHASE

The outreach location, ministry, and length (minimum, 8 weeks) will be determined between you and your school leader based upon your passions and interests.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SOMD:

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age (or have a high school diploma\GED), and have successfully completed a DTS or CDTS.

AFTER THE SOMD TRAINING:

Those who complete the SOMD training have the opportunity to join YWAM'S full-time staff here in Orlando, or at one of over 1000 bases around the world!

**Follow the destiny God has for you and
LIVE THE ADVENTURE!**