

2018-2019

GO! Program Handbook

A Letter from the Director

Welcome to the practical missions programs of the Northeast Campus!

Evangelism and community service—two of the most important expressions of the Christian life, are an inseparable part of our institutional DNA. As a student of God’s Word, you know that our Lord Jesus commanded us to be involved in this world, in people’s lives, shining the light of His love and proclaiming the gospel.

Sadly, most Christians spend very little time, if any, doing either. At the Northeast Campus, there are two practical missions programs designed to help students develop the skills and habits of sharing their faith, discipleship, and serving their community: the Witness 1:7 Program for seminary students and the GO! Program for college students.

I encourage you to schedule time each week for participation in these programs. Sharing your faith, discipling others and serving others not only fulfills the Great Commission but prepares the heart for a lifetime of fruitful ministry. Evangelism and service defines who we are as an institution—may it soon define who you are as a believer in Jesus Christ.

In Him,

Michael S. Haggard, PhD
Director

GO! Program Requirements

The GO! Program involves two specific opportunities and responsibilities for CAMA students: serving at a GO! Program Site and attending report hour/chapel. No academic credit is given for the GO! Program requirements, but failure to satisfy either requirement will result in extra fees (see “The Relationship of the GO! Program to Exemption Fees” on page 3) or academic status (see “The Relationship of the GO! Program to Chapel and Report Hour Attendance”).

1. Serving at a GO! Program Site

Each student enrolled in the GO! Program must complete a total of 15 service hours per semester at an approved GO! Program site and report that service through the Witness One:Seven reporting system (see How to Report on page 5). During their first semester, new students are only required to serve for 14 of the 15 weeks.

Opportunities for service sites include work with prison ministries, urban outreach, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade, hospital ministries, rescue mission ministries, church survey work, non-profit ministries, etc.

Students may complete their GO! Program service hours in several ways:

1. Complete an average of one service hour per week during the semester.
2. Serve on a mission trip during the semester.
3. Help with a community service project during the semester.
4. Volunteer or work with a local church or ministry during the semester.

The following list indicates the categories of GO! Program activities from which sites may be chosen:

1. Vocational Staff Positions – These assignments include the regular responsibilities associated with paid church staff positions such as: pastor, minister of education, minister of music, minister of youth, minister of outreach, or various combination staff ministries.
2. Intern Positions – These opportunities include the following: evangelism, witnessing, visitation and follow-up work, and various approved church internship programs.
3. Volunteer Positions – These assignments include regular weekly evangelism ministries at a local church or participation at a non-profit.

2. Attending Report Hour/Chapel

The College meets for chapel service on Wednesdays. The first 15 minutes of chapel is Report Hour, a time for students to report on their experiences at community service sites in the GO! Program. The director and professors also report on their experiences during this required session.

Each student is required to attend chapel in its entirety every Wednesday and report his or her GO! Program activities online weekly. A student is not allowed more than six absences from chapel during a semester or they will be placed on academic probation.

A student unable to attend chapel on a regular basis as the result of a work conflict with essential outside responsibilities may petition for excused absences for the semester. Requests are submitted to the director's office and must be renewed each semester (August and January). NOTE: Notification from an employer must be on company letterhead showing that the student's work schedule prevents chapel attendance.

The Relationship of the GO! Program to Exemption Fees

The GO! Program is an integral part of training for every student enrolled at the College. Students failing to complete the requirements for the GO! Program are subject to payment of the \$1,500 Exemption Fee for each semester the requirements are not met. Students choosing not to participate during the 2018-2019 academic year will pay the Exemption Fee for each semester in which they do not participate.

The Relationship of the GO! Program to Chapel and Report Hour Attendance

Students who do not satisfy the minimal requirements for chapel and report hour attendance will be placed on academic probation the following semester. No student is permitted to graduate from the College without completing the chapel and report hour attendance requirements for each semester enrolled.

How to Register

To participate in the GO! Program, a student must register during online registration at the beginning of each semester by following these steps:

1. After logging in to SonisWeb and clicking on "Registration" at the top of the screen, one of the "Holds" that will need to be removed is "Practical Missions." Practical Missions is the SonisWeb term for the GO! Program. Click on "Practical Missions."
2. Click on "Complete Practical Missions" at the bottom of the screen and read the entire Practical Missions statement. By reading this statement, students are providing an electronic signature agreeing to abide by the terms, conditions, and penalties of the GO! Program.
3. Next, under "school year," select the correct academic year and semester.
4. Under "Mission 1." on the drop-down list, select "other" and type the name of the site and a brief description of the site under the "memo field." Under the drop-down menu of "Mission 2," select "GO! Program Student."
5. Make sure all information is correct (once it is submitted, the information may only be edited by the director's office).
6. Click "add."

7. Click on "Registration" to continue the process of course registration.

How to Report

Reporting GO! Program activities is accomplished by attending Report Hour on Wednesdays at noon and by reporting your service hours online. Any student who does not login and complete his/her GO! Program requirements correctly each semester may be placed on academic probation the following semester and/or be subject to increased Exemption Fee. The final date for reporting the completion of GO! Program requirements is 4:00 p.m. on the third business day following the last exam day. Graduates must report 14 weeks of requirements instead of 15 weeks by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the week of graduation.

To report online:

1. Go to www.mabts.edu.
2. Click on Login at the top right section of the home page.
3. Scroll down and click the "Witness One:Seven Report." You should see: "Practical Missions (Witness One:Seven) Report Login Page."
4. Under "Username," enter your Student ID number, and under "Password," enter your PIN.
5. After successfully logging in, you will be taken to the Report Form. Fill out the Report Form for the week that you served at your GO! Program site. Note: over the course of the semester, you should fill this form out each week that you serve. You must complete 15 hours of service before the dates listed below.
6. While filling out the Report Form, use the numeral 1 (type "1") beside "H1" to indicate that you spent 1-15 hours at your GO! Program site. Ignore all other fields.
7. Click "Submit" and then click "Log Off." If you do not log off, your submission will not be saved.

2018-19 GO! Program Due Dates

GO! Program activities must be completed and logged in correctly on the Witness One:Seven reporting system by Tuesday, May 14th.

Steps to Serve Well

1. Contact the site supervisor to inquire as to whether you may serve in his or her ministry.
2. Make an appointment to meet the supervisor. Be punctual and well-dressed.
3. Ask questions. Be sure you understand and can agree to the responsibilities.
4. Be faithful to attend. Just because you are participating as a volunteer does not mean you can come and go as you please.
5. Be a good ambassador for Christ and the school. Remember you are representing the Lord and the College at Mid-America.
6. Work hard and do a good job.

7. Look for opportunities to serve those around you.
8. Thank those with whom you are working and to who whom you are ministering.
9. If you need to change sites, be sure to inform the site coordinator or supervisor, as well as the director of the northeast campus.
10. Be sure to report your one hour of service each week online (see above, "How to Report").