

(Extension Site Version)

PT 5000
PERSONAL ASSESSMENT AND INTRODUCTION TO MINISTRY
Community Church of Greenwood, Greenwood, Indiana
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Catalog Description of PT 5000

Designed to assist in personal assessment of character, temperament, talents, abilities and gifts, ministry and relational skills, sense of call to ministry and other traits relevant to ministry. Based on these assessments, students will develop a personal plan to accomplish their goals through course work and an integrative paper. Should be taken during the first or second semester of enrollment. *One hour.*

Course Objectives

1. That the student will become more reflective on and appreciative of the providential hand of God in their formation up to the present.
2. That the student will have a deeper awareness of their personal characteristics whether they are strengths or weaknesses.
3. That the student will have more refined ways of describing themselves to others (especially for ministry placement)
4. That the student will further refine their sense of calling in ministry before the Lord.
5. That the student will begin the process of thinking through their philosophy of ministry and have some basic awareness of the more prevalent paradigms of ministry.

Required Texts

Tom Rath, *StrengthsFinder 2.0*. (Gallup Press, 2007)

This book must be **purchased new** because inside it you will find the website and codes necessary to take the StrengthsFinder 2.0 which is an online natural talent assessment instrument. If purchased used, the codes will already be used and thus be invalid to access the instrument online.

A PT 5000 *Resource Notebook* must be purchased (\$15) from your Extension Site Office at least ten days prior to class. The packet will include articles, handouts and assessment instruments that are used during the class. Some readings and assignments must be done prior to the first class session. Be sure to bring this Resource Notebook to class sessions.

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Profile and Response 20% of the course grade Due February 26

Completely filling out your blue “*Personal Profile*” sheets will provide 50% of the points for this assignment.

The other 50% of the points for this assignment consists of writing a **two-page, 12 point font Resonse Paper** addressing three areas listed below.

- Summarize “threads” of gifts/talents that you see running through your Profile that you believe are central to your life and ministry.
- Summarize the weaknesses/character or temperament flaws that you need to address or monitor in your life and ministry.
- Give a statement as to your sense of calling at the present. Are you called to vocational ministry? Does you calling have a particular focus at this point?

Insert this assignment in the mailing with the *Life Line* assignment. Include both the Profile and the Response paper.

Grading Scale

A = 100-93	A- = 92-90	
B+ = 89-88	B = 87-83	B- = 82-80
C+ = 79-78	C = 77-73	C- = 72-70
D+ = 69-68	D = 67-63	D- = 62-60

Late assignments will be penalized a full letter grade for any portion of the first week that they are late. Any portion of a second week will reduce the grade another full letter grade and so on. Any assignment not turned in will result in a zero that will have devastating consequences for your grade. “On time” means that the postmark on your mailing packet is on or before the assignment due date.

Your professor is extending an open invitation to any student in the class to schedule an appointment to discuss the insights you have gained in this class or to help chart your future. You can request a “Vision Interview” with my Administrative Assistant, Barb Briggs, at extension 8030 to schedule an appointment. Be sure to bring your Personal Profile to that appointment. Do not schedule this appointment prior to receiving back all your graded assignments from the course.

Course Schedule

Friday Evening, January 25

Syllabus, Personal Profile
Foundational Concepts
Sick Side of Leadership
Leadership Development
Pre-course assignments due

Saturday, January 26

Call to Vocational Ministry
Philosophy of Ministry
Ministry Models
Natural Talents
Temperament
Character Development
Spiritual Gifts

Tuesday, February 26

Life Line Due
Profile and Response Due