



Certification in Deeper Walk Prayer Ministry

Program Overview

The Deeper Walk School of Ministry provides an intensive, hands-on, heart-focused discipleship training program in practical ministry skills. You will gain the ministry tools needed to help hurting people experience freedom, understand their identity in Christ, walk in the Spirit and live in heart-focused (*hesed*) community.

Those who successfully complete this program will have the basic skills necessary to conduct emotional healing prayer sessions, recognize and deal with demonic interference, walk people through the *Steps to Freedom in Christ*, and help others begin growing in maturity skills. You will be certified as a Prayer Minister by Deeper Walk International, the leader in heart-focused discipleship training for the church today.

Instructors

Instructor	Associate Instructor
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Program/Course Objectives and Schedule

Program Textbooks

Please see course information below for required and recommended textbooks.

Additional Program Materials

Required materials (other than textbooks) for all courses include Deeper Walk International's Core Course 1-4 videos. All videos, assignments, and other program materials will be made available online in the Deeper Walk School of Ministry Learning Management System (LMS). Access to the LMS will be provided to students by email after the application and acceptance process is completed.

About the Program/Course Schedule

The course schedules below should be viewed as a guide. Course schedules are subject to change based on Instructor discretion and needs of the students in the cohort. Please see the online LMS for the most up to date schedule of topics and assignments.



Course 1: Heart-Focused Discipleship

Course 1 Objectives:

1. Gain a foundational understanding of core concepts.
2. Practice foundational skills.
3. Experience facilitated group listening prayer.
4. Experience being a client. Students will need to find a counselor, coach, spiritual director or prayer minister and attend six sessions with them in order to successfully complete the program.

Textbooks

Required:

- *Toward a Deeper Walk* by Marcus Warner
- *Building Bounce* by Marcus Warner and Stefanie Hinman
- *Living from the Heart Jesus Gave You*, by James G. Friesen, E. James Wilder, et al.

Course 1 Schedule/Guide

*Please refer to the online LMS for the most up to date schedule of topics and assignments.

	Title/Topic	Cohort Meetings/Labs	Date
1	Heart-Focused Discipleship	Brief introductions/Commitments/Format	2/28/2022
2	The Well: The Four Core Elements of Heart-Focused Discipleship	Practicing daily appreciation	3/7/2022
3	Grace: Understanding Law vs Grace	Listening Well/ Joy Stories (4+ Stories)	3/14/2022
4	Grace: Understanding Your New Covenant Identity	Return to Joy & Return to Joy Stories	3/21/2022
5	Spirit: Walking in the Spirit	Listening through Scripture	3/28/2022
6	Spirit: Listening Prayer	Group listening prayer / Intro Testing the Spirits--Shalom Test	4/4/2022
7	Healing: REAL Prayer	Facilitated listening prayer demonstration	4/11/2022 (or 4/18)
	EASTER BREAK	NO CLASS	4/11 or 4/18/22
8	Spiritual Warfare	Testing the spirits overview/ Shalom Test	4/25/2022



Course 2: Spiritual Warfare

Course 2 Objectives:

1. Gain a basic understanding of the unseen realm/ a Warfare Worldview.
2. Personally experience the Steps to Freedom in Christ.
3. Facilitate the Steps to Freedom for others.
4. Gain spiritual awareness of both the Holy Spirit and unholy spirits.
5. Recognize and know how to deal with demonic interference.

Textbooks

Required:

- *The Steps to Freedom in Christ* by Neil Anderson
- *What Every Believer Should Know About Spiritual Warfare* by Marcus Warner

Course 2 Schedule/Guide

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	Title/Topic	Cohort Meetings/Labs	Date
1	A Warfare Worldview	Intro Steps to Freedom/ Steps 1 & 2	5/2/2022
2	Warfare Basics	Guest speaker	5/9/2022
3	Christians and Demons	Ground rules/prayer for protection	5/16/2022
4	Sin and Soul Ties	Recognizing demonic interference	5/23/2022
	MEMORIAL DAY	NO CLASS	5/30/22
5	Occult Involvement	Steps 2 &3	6/6/2022
6	Unforgiveness	Steps 4 & 5	6/13/2022
7	Lineage	Step 6 & 7	6/20/2022
8	Warfare Ministry	SOUL Hindrances Worksheets	6/27/2022



Course 3: Emotional Healing Ministry

Course 3 Objectives:

1. Understand and apply WLVS to assessment and healing work.
2. Continue to experience personal facilitated prayer/healing.
3. Begin to practice facilitated prayer sessions with classmates
4. Understand and apply Relational skills to working with people.
5. Understand maturity and how to apply it to healing/discipleship work with people.
6. Identify personal strengths and weaknesses in Return to Joy skills.
7. Apply Return to Joy to healing/discipleship work with people.

Textbooks

Required: *Understanding the Wounded Heart* by Marcus Warner

Recommended:

- *RARE Leadership* by Marcus Warner and Jim Wilder
- *The Joy Switch* by Chris Coursey

Course 3 Schedule/Guide

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	Title/Topic	Cohort Meetings/Labs	Date
	INDEPENDENCE DAY	NO CLASS	7/4/2022
1	Understanding the Wounded Heart	Assessing & Goal Setting	7/11/2022
2	Elements of Emotional Healing-Part 1	Facilitated prayer demonstration/Indiv coaching	7/18/2022
3	Elements of Emotional Healing-Part 2	Facilitated prayer demonstration/Indiv coaching	7/25/2022
4	Brain Science and Capacity	Joy and Trauma: buckets	8/1/2022
5	Maturity	Assessing maturity	8/8/2022
6	Disgust and Shame	Return to Joy / Facilitated prayer	8/15/2022
7	Sadness and Despair	Return to Joy / Facilitated prayer	8/22/2022
8	Anxiety and Anger	Return to Joy / Facilitated prayer	8/29/2022



Course 4: Practicum with Overview of Advanced Issues

Course 4 Objectives

1. Begin working with people outside the class environment (internship/practicum).
2. Implement a system of client care.
3. Successfully navigate different types of client sessions (see Observation list) as determined by qualified supervisors.
4. Recognize and appropriately determine how to handle advanced issues (including referring or consulting).
5. Begin developing a network of care providers for consultation, referral, etc.
6. Demonstrate sufficient competency in care provision to the satisfaction of appropriate assessors to begin delivering lay ministry services to be certified.

Textbooks

For Course 4, students will choose a specific topic of interest to them. Required reading will depend on the topic and will be determined in consultation with the instructors.

Course 4 Schedule/Guide

*Please refer to the online LMS for the most up to date schedule of topics and assignments.

	Title/Topic	Cohort Meetings/Labs	Date
	LABOR DAY	NO CLASS	9/4/22
1	Ministry to the Deeply Wounded	Practical Preparations for real-life ministry / Set up your system / Assign topics	9/12/2022
2	Dealing with Dissociation	Stories / in-depth report on topic /case staffing OR Practicum	9/19/2022
3	Dealing with Demons	Stories / in-depth report on topic /case staffing OR Practicum	9/26/2022
4	Dealing with the Occult	Stories / in-depth report on topic /case staffing OR Practicum	10/3/2022
5	Dealing with Addiction	Stories / in-depth report on topic /case staffing OR Practicum	10/10/2022
6	Dealing with Eating Disorders	Stories / in-depth report on topic /case staffing OR Practicum	10/17/2022
7	Dealing with Sexual Bondage	Stories / in-depth report on topic /case staffing OR Practicum	10/24/2022
	HALLOWEEN	NO CLASS	10/31/22
8	Dealing with Narcissism	Stories / in-depth report on topic /case staffing OR Practicum	11/7/2022
9	Final session	Final exam / Evaluation / What's next	11/14/2022



Additional Information

Course Work: Between class meetings, you will watch video lectures, read course materials, and complete assignments. Assignments will include both written work and practical ministry activities.

Commitment: This is a robust, intensive training that will require approximately 5-8 hours of coursework per week, both in and outside of the weekly group gatherings.

Certification: Official certification in Deeper Walk Prayer Ministry will be granted to trainees based on:

- Attendance – 80% or more of classes
- Active Participation in meetings and ministry exercises
- Assignments – earn a passing grade in each of the 4 Courses
- Assessment – instructors will assess each trainee’s readiness for effective prayer ministry

Disclaimer: *Acceptance into the Certification program is not a guarantee of certification. Certification is a rigorous process which requires successful completion of the entire program, including demonstration of satisfactory performance of skills taught in the program. Successful completion of the program is ultimately determined by the instructional team.*

Certification in Deeper Walk prayer Ministry is about caring for others and NOT a self-help/personal growth program. It is expected that participants have already experienced significant healing, recovery and personal growth and have developed the relational capacity to help others through similar experiences. Therefore, participants in the program are expected to display Parent or Elder level maturity (as defined by the Life Model) most of the time, and to have the emotional and relational capacity to care for others even when under duress. This includes appropriate and balanced self-care (including ongoing personal growth) and self-sacrifice.

Our desire is to see everyone accepted into the program equipped to minister effectively as Deeper Walk Certified Prayer Ministers. As such, participants who demonstrate difficulties that the instructional team deem problematic for caring for others may be asked/required to seek appropriate intervention. If they are unable or unwilling to do so, they may be asked to leave the program. Certification in Deeper Walk Prayer Ministry is the basic, foundational training for Deeper Walk people-helpers. More advanced or specific training may be needed for some issues. Ongoing certification may require renewal and updated training.

We are excited to be part of the journey to which God is calling you. We look forward to growing together as we all seek to bear fruit for His Kingdom!

With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. - 2 Thessalonians 1:11 NIV