



NEW COLLEGE FRANKLIN
PRACTICUM PROPOSAL

P.O. Box 1575 – Franklin, TN 37064

Student: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Faculty Advisor: _____ GPA: (2.0 or above) _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Credits Earned: (64 or more¹) _____

Internship Sponsor (if applicable): _____

Internship Sponsor Signature (if applicable): _____

Practicum Proposal (check one): Thesis Project Internship

Practicum Mission Statement: Develop a Mission Statement that *clearly* and *concisely* articulates the purpose of this practicum.

Practicum Outcome: In one or two sentences, describe the successful completion of your project. (i.e. “I will present, in the form of a thesis paper, an educational business model that identifies the primary difficulties experienced by Christian/Private High Schools and gives potential solutions based on current research and biblical/historical perspectives.”)

¹ A minimum of 60% of the course work performed toward the fulfillment of the *Practicum* requirements must be completed after the student has earned 94 credit hours toward graduation. Up to 40% of the course work performed toward the fulfillment of the *Practicum* requirements may be performed once the student has earned 64 credit hours toward graduation and before the student has earned 94 credit hours toward graduation.

Mission Alignment: Describe in detail how the mission and outcomes of your project align with NCF’s Institutional and Academic Outcomes (*not all will be necessarily used*).

MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, New College Franklin disciples students through the liberal arts for wisdom, virtue, and service.

INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

Wisdom | Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; therefore, the community of New College Franklin submits all learning, knowledge, institutional practice, and identity to the Lordship of Christ by analyzing all human knowledge through the framework of the Word of God and humbling ourselves before the Word.

Virtue | New College Franklin promotes a vibrant intellectual life that cherishes the liberal arts, academic rigor, and practical relevance by means of discussion-based learning which emphasizes reasoned and affective integration and application. New College Franklin focuses on the students’ whole development—educating the heart, soul, and mind for growth and maturity in faith and understanding.

Service | New College Franklin seeks to develop within students and the collegiate community the desire and practice of honoring God and of living out in service what is learned in the classroom as fruitful members of a local church and community. Students enter here into the practice of Christian service, embracing their various roles and vocations for a lifetime of service here, at home, and unto the ends of the earth.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1 | Students will investigate the sovereign plan of God as executed in the progression of ideas and literature throughout major epochs of history and develop an appreciation of the past and its impact on present reality and future trends. (Moral Philosophy)

2 | Students will broaden their understanding of God through His works which display his beauty, order and wisdom, particularly through number, by investigating the nature of number (arithmetic), number in shape (Geometry), number in time (Harmonia), and number in space and time (Cosmology). (Quadrivium)

3 | Students will engage in the process of academic discovery, to value the deep and complex relationship between word and deed and construct meaningful conversations that are critical and creative, clearly communicated, and formulated with integrity. (Trivium)

4 | Students will examine and articulate the overarching plan of God revealed through His Word, translate and interpret the Word of God from the original Greek, and analyze and apply theology as handed down from the historic tradition. (Theology)

5 | Students will engage the complex relationship between faith, learning, and practice by refining skills in artistic and musical expression, exploring practical application of knowledge in Preceptorial classes, and demonstrating personal development in projects or internships. (Applied)

Thesis Requirements:

The thesis is a 30–40 page paper (7500–10,000 words) in which the student:

1. identifies a problem or controversial issue within his/her area of interest,
2. crafts a hypothesis and proposes a solution to the problem or controversial issue,
3. using primary and secondary source resources, analyzes the problem and possible solutions through historical and biblical frameworks, and
4. defends the proposed solution.
5. The thesis topic must receive the approval of the Dean's Cabinet prior to implementation.

The Thesis Document

1. Title Page
2. Abstract
3. Table of Contents
4. Introduction
 - a. Brief introduction to the context, identify the problem.
 - b. Briefly state the thesis.
5. Content
 - a. Restate the problem and give evidence to support your belief that this is a problem.
 - b. Identify the major views/solutions in relation to this problem and provide research, historical, and biblical-based analysis of these views.
 - c. Identify your solution and provide arguments for why you believe it is the best option. Identify potential weaknesses in your solution/argument.
 - d. Identify areas for additional study.
6. Conclusion
 - a. Briefly restate the problem, your solution, and the conclusions or implications you have reached because of your research.
7. Bibliography Page—Following the Chicago Manual of Style

Project/ Internship Requirements

Design a project/internship that builds on the student's knowledge and experience gained at New College Franklin and focuses on an area of interest. The content/purpose of the project/internship shall be proposed by the student, but must meet the following requirements:

1. The content must demonstrate further growth in an area of interest,
2. The content must meet the institutional and learning outcomes,
3. The depth of content must be appropriate to a capstone experience:
 - a. Reading requirements include a minimum of 1,000 pages of academic research,
 - b. Students will spend a minimum of 150 hours to complete the project/internship and accompanying requirements and document these activities,
4. The project/internship must receive the approval of the Dean's Cabinet prior to implementation.

In addition, the student will write and submit a 10–12 page response paper, due in the Pascha term, in which he/she describes the nature of practicum, its goals, lessons learned as a result of the practicum, and areas of potential future research.

Practicum Defense

Near the end of the Pascha Term, the student will publicly present his/her practicum, including an overview, purpose, outcomes and lessons learned. Following this presentation, faculty and persons in attendance will be invited to join a dialogue regarding the project. This presentation should be expected to last 20–30 minutes.

Deadlines

- September 1 – Submit proposal draft, including request for faculty advisor, to Deans cabinet
- October 1 – Submit final proposal

- December 1 – Progress report documenting significant progress
- March 1 – Progress documenting near completion of project
- April 1 – Project/ Internship completed, reflection paper started; rough draft of Thesis completed
- May 1 – Project/Internship and Response Paper complete and submitted; Thesis final draft completed
- Senior Practicum Defense during exam week

Note: We would recommend you begin preparing your proposal draft as soon as possible and seek approval from the Deans Cabinet prior to the deadlines above.

If the practicum is not an internship, leave this section blank.

TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY SPONSOR (please sign where indicated at bottom of contract)

Agency Name _____ Phone (_____) _____
 Address _____ Fax (_____) _____
 City/State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____
 Supervisor _____ Title _____

Internship Title and Description of Duties (Please be specific and thorough; can be no more than 30% clerical)

Date Internship Begins _____ Date Internship Ends _____

Minimum Hours/Week _____ Total Hours/Semester _____

Interns Hours Per Day: Mon. ____ Tues. ____ Wed. ____ Thurs. ____ Fri. ____ Sat. ____

NCF Office Use Only:

By our signatures below, we approve the Practicum as presented:

Signature of Faculty Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Dean of Academics: _____ Date: _____

Signature of President: _____ Date: _____