



Fundamentals of Mission Leadership Course Syllabus

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Course Description

Fundamentals of Mission Leadership focuses on the grounding of Catholic healthcare mission within the healing mission of Jesus and upon two fundamental anthropological commitments that contextualize and surround every other aspect of Catholic mission: first, embracing the dignity of human persons, and second, attending to the whole person. These modules will investigate the textual foundations and historical development of these principles, as well as their practical implications for leadership and innovation. Participants will also be invited to deepen their own personal engagement with these values as they care for and cultivate their own leadership practice. This course is presented in two instructional modules:

Module 1 (whole person):

Embracing a holistic anthropology; attending to the whole person

Module 2 (dignity):

Affirming and embracing dignity; contributing to a culture of dignity

Course Objectives

Module 1: Attend to the Whole Person Learning Objectives

- Describe the biblical and philosophical anthropology of body-soul-spirit-communion that underlies Catholic Social Teaching
- Identify practical, personal, and professional implications for body-soul-spirit-communion anthropology in healthcare
- Outline innovative whole-person approaches in healthcare
- Apply course concepts to personal leadership development with specific connection to Mission-centered leadership and service to vulnerable populations

Module 2: Promote and Defend Human Dignity Learning Objectives

- Demonstrate understanding of human dignity as articulated in Catholic tradition and teaching and centrality of human dignity to the healing mission of Jesus in Catholic healthcare.
- Describe the contextual history, influence, and integration of human dignity within social, economic, technological, political realms.
- Articulate the responsibility for and identify opportunities to embrace human dignity in healthcare practice.
- Apply course concepts to personal leadership development with specific connection to Mission-centered leadership and service to vulnerable populations

Required and/or Recommended Texts and Course Materials

To be provided by faculty to the student.

Class Schedule

MLA refers to participants in the Mission Leadership Academy.

DML refers to participants in the Discerning Mission Leader program.

Item	Who	Due Date
Whole Person Session	All	January 18-19, 2024
DUE: e-portfolio chapter on Whole Person, including Intention Reflection	All	January 26, 2024
Companion conversations on Mission Integration Leadership Profile	DML	February
Dialogue Group	MLA	February
Dignity Session	All	March 14-15, 2024
DUE: e-portfolio chapter on Dignity	All	March 22, 2024
Companion conversations on Mission Integration Leadership Profile	DML	April
Dialogue Group	MLA	April

Grading and Course Assignments

There are 100 points possible in this course earned by completing the e-portfolio. E-portfolios will be graded within a timely manner and course grades will be assigned within one week from the end of the semester.

E-portfolio

Electronic, multi-media portfolio incorporating session learnings and whole-person integration. The e-portfolio is a method of self-discovery, enabling caregivers to connect the mission to their purpose. (12.5 pts each submission)

- Due Date: see class schedule.
- Instructions: Create an electronic portfolio of your learnings and self-reflection using any Microsoft 365 suite product (Word, PowerPoint, Sway, etc.).
- Include the following chapters for this course:
 - **Intention Reflection:** As you begin this journey, we invite you to engage in an anticipatory reflection. Share your initial thoughts and identify an intention to focus your experience. Using an audio or video recording, document your intention.
 - **Whole Person**
 - **Dignity**
- Each session chapter should:
 - Include one activity from the e-portfolio inspiration.
 - Be built with reflections, comments, photos, videos, podcasts, whole person integration, ethics learnings, DEI learnings, and/or any other expression of your learning about session theme.
 - A summary of your dialogue group conversation (MLA) or companion conversation (DML).
- Consider using any of these prompts to guide your work:
 - Share something(s) you heard/saw/experienced in the session that impacted you.
 - Share something(s) that helps your growth as a Mission-centered leader.
 - List several quotes you heard that you could use to remember the session and possibly utilize for work or personal reflection.

- Select any word or concept you heard in the session and describe your understanding of it.
- Share how you will/might apply what you've learned in the session.
- E-portfolios may be seen by cohort members and program faculty.
- To receive credit, upload your e-portfolio chapter [here](#) by the due date. Submissions require a shareable link. Learn more about creating a shareable link [here](#).

Dialogue Group Conversations (MLA)

Deeper conversations and activities to enforce session learnings in relation to leadership practices (credit granted via e-portfolio)

- Due Date: See Class Schedule
- Participants will be grouped into one virtual discussion group for the duration of the program.
 - Conversations will be facilitated by DML/MLA alumni.
 - Conversations will be scheduled by the facilitator in-between in-person sessions.

Companion Conversations on Mission Integration Leadership Profile (DML)

Deeper conversations and activities to enforce session learnings in relation to leadership practices (credit granted via e-portfolio)

- Companion conversations (one-on-one dialogue with assigned partner)
 - DML's are responsible for arranging conversations with their Companions.
 - Companion conversations can occur as frequently as agreed upon by both parties with a minimum of one 30-minute conversation per month.
 - Companion conversations are based on the components of the Mission Integration Leadership Profile including impressions and learnings from reflective integration, practicum activities, and other program experiences.
- Practicum (Mission Integration Leadership competency activities)

Course Technology

This course will use a variety of media modalities including podcasts, music streaming services, Microsoft Office programs (e.g. Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams) and the Mission Leadership Institute website.

Class Attendance Policy

Participants are expected to attend all sessions. More than one absence per course may result in program dismissal or deferment. For a planned absence, participants need to complete the [Notice of Planned Absence](#) form. In the event of an absence, participants must review recorded session and make up all work as outlined in the course syllabus.