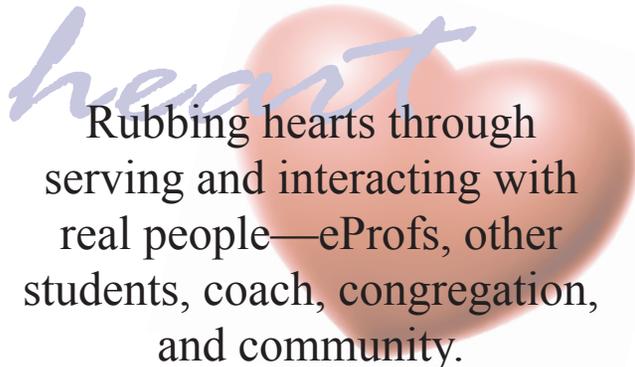




“High Tech”
delivery of academic courses
via the Internet ...



coupled with a
“High Touch” internship.



Rubbing hearts through
serving and interacting with
real people—eProfs, other
students, coach, congregation,
and community.

The Coach

Listen

Students appreciate having a sounding board, someone with whom they can air their thoughts and feelings as they sort through theology and learn to apply it to real-life issues.

Encourage

Juggling responsibilities of home, church, work, and school takes a heavy toll sooner or later. A timely word can help a student see the progress made and provide momentum to continue moving forward.

Constructively Critique

Speaking the truth in love, the coach honestly assesses the student’s performance and offers helpful suggestions for improvement.

Provide Accountability

Asking tough questions and overseeing academic assignments and internship activities, coaches help students reach predetermined goals, finishing with excellence.

Facilitate

Some internship activities required of the student will necessitate special arrangements (e.g., weddings, funerals, hospital visitation, baptisms, communion services, etc.). The coach facilitates ministry opportunities in stages — (1) student observes coach, (2) student and coach work together, (3) coach observes student, and (4) coach releases student to do it alone.

Model

Actions speak louder than words; therefore, a coach is expected to be an excellent “example of a believer,” modeling Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

PLI Internship



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Maturing...

“Book learning” alone is rarely sufficient to prepare anyone for effective ministry. Real-world readiness requires real-life training—a chance to roll up the sleeves and actually do the work of a pastor under the watchful eye of an experienced mentor.

The Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) seeks to engage the student’s head with two prerequisite and sixteen academic courses while concurrently training the hands with five to ten hours of hands-on internship activities every week. This practical ministry experience is what sets PLI apart from other Bible colleges and seminaries.

The role of mentor or coach is usually filled by the student’s senior pastor within the student’s own home church. Beyond mere experience or skill development, it is our hope and prayer that applying biblical truth through the internship, rather than just learning about it in the classroom, will inflame the learner’s passion for God and for ministry to His people.

publicly...

The PLI internship leads a student, step by step, through many areas of pastoral ministry. Some of those public areas include ...

- hospital visitation
- communion service
- baptismal ceremony
- Sunday worship service
- preaching
- bereavement ministry
- child dedication
- counseling
- teaching—all age groups
- evangelism
- leadership development
- church administration
- missions

Offering students a broad spectrum of ministry experiences allows them to not only hone ministry skills, but also zero in on their own unique giftedness and calling.

& privately!

The primary concern of every pastor should be developing a heart for God and people. The PLI internship encourages such growth in the private areas of ...

- time management
- self-evaluation and introspection
- personal quiet time and journaling
- spiritual formation
- ministry philosophy development
- financial stewardship
- personality assessment
- spiritual gifts
- marital harmony
- family priorities
- life development
- integrity

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind ... Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22:37-39