

## **RMMV Men's Discipleship Academy Overview**

Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley Discipleship Academy is a comprehensive academic program designed to provide clients with spiritual and educational resources to obtain the knowledge needed to successfully transition back into society and lead a productive, Christ-centered life. The Education Curriculum consists of **54 courses** totaling **627 hours**. The RMMV Discipleship Academy consists of five cohesive segments. These segments include: Biblical Education; Adult Education; Associates of Arts in Liberal Studies (San Diego Christian); Service Duties; and Academy Internship.

### **Biblical Education**

The Mission recognizes that the Bible is foundational for a life well-lived for God's glory. We respect the place of religious tradition; nevertheless we hold the Scripture and Scripture alone as our final authority in all matters of faith and practice. Since God spoke in human language, and since that revelation has been recorded in Scripture, our responsibility is to know and obey the Scriptures. The Rescue Mission recognizes that students in the Academy come from a variety of backgrounds with different levels of religious exposure and comprehension abilities. The Academy desires that each client should be exposed to Biblical truths, spiritual disciplines, and sound Christian character development. The Biblical Education Curriculum consists of **42 Courses** totaling **495 Hours**. Biblical Education Curriculum includes the following courses:

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| ○ <b>In-depth Bible Study</b>             | ○ <b>Let the Nations Be Glad</b> | ○ <b>Desiring God</b>                          |
| ○ <b>Expository Study of 1, 2, 3 John</b> | ○ <b>Blazing Center</b>          | ○ <b>Future Grace</b>                          |
| ○ <b>Expository Study of James</b>        | ○ <b>Parables of Jesus</b>       | ○ <b>AHA</b>                                   |
| ○ <b>Man Up!</b>                          | ○ <b>Battling Unbelief</b>       | ○ <b>Not a Fan</b>                             |
| ○ <b>Basic</b>                            | ○ <b>Who is the Holy Spirit?</b> | ○ <b>Gods at War</b>                           |
| ○ <b>Crazy Love</b>                       | ○ <b>Have the Funeral</b>        | ○ <b>The Way of the Master Basic</b>           |
| ○ <b>Forgotten God</b>                    | ○ <b>Chosen By God</b>           | ○ <b>The Way of the Master Intermediate</b>    |
| ○ <b>Authentic</b>                        | ○ <b>When Life is Hard</b>       | ○ <b>Don't Have Enough Faith to be Atheist</b> |
| ○ <b>Heaven</b>                           | ○ <b>Gravity and Gladness</b>    | ○ <b>Lessons from the Upper Room</b>           |
| ○ <b>Downpour</b>                         | ○ <b>Gripped by Greatness</b>    | ○ <b>Suffering and the Sovereignty of God</b>  |
| ○ <b>Fight</b>                            | ○ <b>Jesus Is</b>                | ○ <b>Lord Help Me Change My Attitude</b>       |
| ○ <b>What Did Jesus Do?</b>               | ○ <b>Fresh Air</b>               | ○ <b>The Greatest Stories Ever Told</b>        |
| ○ <b>Soul Detox</b>                       | ○ <b>Always True</b>             | ○ <b>The Great Book of Romans</b>              |
| ○ <b>Vertical Church</b>                  | ○ <b>Truth Project</b>           | ○ <b>Seeing and Savoring Jesus</b>             |

### **Adult Education**

The Adult Educational Studies curriculum has been designed with the following client objectives in mind; recognize how learning can be a fun and rewarding experience, improve self-worth, self-confidence and independence. Clients are encouraged to engage in the learning process with an open-mind through participating in class discussions, as well as asking questions to better understand the content being taught. Exams, quizzes, projects, essays and papers are used to increase accountability in the classroom. These tools also provide clients with measurable, goal-oriented tasks. The Adult Education Curriculum consists of **12 Courses** totaling **132 Hours**. The Adult Education Curriculum includes the following courses:

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| ○ <b>Reading &amp; Study Skills</b>    | ○ <b>Marriage</b>               | ○ <b>Goal Setting &amp; Action Planning</b> |
| ○ <b>Writing &amp; Public Speaking</b> | ○ <b>Family</b>                 | ○ <b>Language Arts</b>                      |
| ○ <b>Servant Leadership</b>            | ○ <b>Health &amp; Nutrition</b> | ○ <b>Conflict Resolution</b>                |
| ○ <b>Personal Finance</b>              | ○ <b>Capstone Seminar</b>       | ○ <b>Employment Searching Skills</b>        |

## Associates of Arts in Liberal Studies (San Diego Christian)



The Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies degree offers the client a broad based degree program through the general education level and prepares that individual to move into a Bachelor program at San Diego Christian or transfer to another four year college or university. Throughout the academic experience, clients will be challenged to develop self-discipline, discernment and maturity. In a Christian liberal arts setting, education is embedded in a pursuit of God's truth, which by nature carries a set of moral imperatives. Our aim is to produce biblically-minded leaders for this generation. Each client will encounter a variety of ways to think critically about themselves and the world around them where God has called them to serve.

Each course is presented in a learning module using innovative online instructional strategies allowing clients the opportunity to develop personally and professionally. These courses have been incorporated into the general education core and serve to build an intellectual foundation that infuses knowledge within the understanding and values of our Judeo-Christian heritage. Courses include:

- Adult Development & Life Planning
- Personal Finance
- Biblical Perspectives
- College Composition I
- College Composition II
- Servant Leadership
- Biological Health Education
- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Theology I
- Introduction to Computers
- Introduction to Meteorology
- Introduction to Life Sciences
- Introduction to Art
- Liberal Arts Mathematics
- American History
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Scientific Models of Origins
- Oral Communication
- Capstone Course

### **Clients completing the A.A. in Liberal Studies degree will be equipped to:**

1. Communicate effectively through oral and written modes
2. Demonstrate appropriate processes of collecting and evaluating academic sources
3. Articulate a worldview based on biblical principles
4. Explain fundamental concepts and principles of mathematics and the natural sciences
5. Distinguish among genres and styles in the humanities
6. Articulate basic biblical chronology and theological concepts using a consistent historical, grammatical, and literal hermeneutic.

## Academy Internship

The Discipleship Academy Internship is designed to provide clients with firsthand work experience and practical knowledge, bringing to life concepts taught within the Academy curriculum. Internship range up to three months in length and provide Clients an opportunity to engage in diverse ministry responsibilities, thus enhancing their resume. Interns are assigned measureable tasks and receive performance feedback during weekly one-one-one reviews sessions. Academy Interns are mentored by the Academy Coordinator and relevant Department Supervisor. Both the Academy Coordinator and Department Supervisor play key roles in the Clients' educational and experiential development by helping the Intern reconcile real-time circumstances to the biblical principles they have learned. Internships offered include: **Men's Services; Family Services; Reception/Security Services; Food Services; Warehouse Services; Maintenance Services; and Housekeeping Services**

## Service Duties

The purpose and goal of the Service Duties segment of the Academy is to give clients the opportunity to apply servant leadership principles. Clients are assigned duties which are vital to the day-to-day operation and outreach of love and compassion to other disadvantaged men and women. Within this segment clients engage in service duties which range from serving meals to providing laundry services to other Rescue Mission clients. Clients in the Academy also assist in daily cleaning duties and help to ensure that organizational cleanliness standards are met.