

Youth Ministry Cohort Learning

A TWO-YEAR COURSE OF STUDY AND COACHING PROGRAM

You're new to youth ministry, or you've decided to "dig in" and learn more.

There are conferences and other options. What's the most comprehensive? What will "stick" with you?

Check out the Youth Ministry Institute Cohort Learning Program! Unlike traditional continuing education, Youth Ministry Institute combines instruction with coaching, conferencing, and cohort support every month.

Cohort Learning

YMI instruction includes 44 unique classes curated specifically for youth ministry, taught in a monthly retreat setting with a trusted cohort of youth ministers. Biblical studies, counseling foundations, adolescent development, missions, spiritual disciplines, volunteer training, and more are taught by a field of experts.



"I know I needed this cohort. The education I received on theology, child psychology, curriculum assembly, time management, Scriptural studies, and a host of other topics has already proven to be invaluable to me as a youth minister. YMI provided this education and fellowship when I needed it." – Ryan, class of '19

Coaching Support

Enroll in YMI and you'll be matched with an experienced coach who will meet with you monthly to help develop programming, provide encouragement, and work better with your students and parents.

"The most impactful part of YMI was my coach. He encourages me, supports me, and helps me talk through the hard parts of ministry. He challenges me to see things from a different viewpoint." – Megan, class of '19

Conferences and Consulting

Each cohort travels to four ministry conferences. Enrollment includes event registration, lodging, meals, and travel to hear nationally-known authors and speakers! YMI consulting services, including a strategic planning assessment at each church, are also provided with the program.



Proven Results

Youth ministers commissioned by Youth Ministry Institute have higher satisfaction in their jobs, so they stay longer. Youth groups become more meaningful to young people and often double in size. Succeed with YMI!

"I truly believe the cohort learning, coaching, conferences, and theological courses from YMI dramatically impacted the trajectory of my life. I am three years into my job now, which is longer than any other person has stayed in this position over the last decade. I believe God called me to this church and to youth ministry, and YMI gave me the tools to succeed!" – Jenna, class of '19



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Youth Ministry Institute Midwest resources the local church with innovative youth ministry instruction, theological education, individualized coaching, and church consulting. The YMI Cohort Learning program fosters excellence in youth ministry, accomplishing our mission of sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ with young people through skilled and effective leadership.

The two-year course of study includes 40 classes and four theological intensives. Monthly instruction, usually offered on a Monday and Tuesday, is taught by faculty members skilled in a wide variety of ministry topics.

Foundational Retreat

Foundational courses for new students are taught each August. In some cases, those who enroll as late as October will take the foundational classes after the first year of instruction. These classes include:

Welcome to YMI: Be Self-Aware, Authentic, and Intentional
Ministry Practices 101: Core Competencies
Leadership Foundations 101: Ministry in the Local Church
Teaching 101: Developing a Vision for Learning
Event Planning 101: Building a Ministry Vision and Structure
Core Class: Organizing for Success
Core Class: Recruiting and Equipping Volunteers
Core Class: Budgeting and Fundraising



Two-Year Course of Study

This Year's Courses - 2019/20

Moral and Spiritual Development
Practice of Moral Development in Ministry
Youth Cultural Anthropology
Youth Culture Application
Counseling Foundations
Engaging Scripture and Teaching the Bible
Youth with Learning Disabilities and Special Needs
Growth and Evangelism in Youth Ministry
Worship in Youth Ministry
Parent and Family Ministry
Discipleship and Small Group Ministry
Recreation and Retreats
Self-Care and Spiritual Disciplines
Leadership and Self-Management
Leadership and Self-Awareness
Ethics in Youth Ministry

New Testament Intensive (30-hour course)
Theology Intensive (10-hour course)

Next Year's Courses - 2020/21

Adolescent Developmental Theories
Application of Developmental Theories
Student Leadership Development
Exploring Family Systems
Identifying and Supporting Youth in Crisis
Teaching for Different Learning Styles
Classroom Management
Theology in Youth Ministry
Local Missions and Mission Trips
Social Media and Electronic Communication
Delivering an Effective Message
Storytelling Analysis and Critique
Personality Temperaments
Recognizing Your Call to Leadership
Leadership of Organizations
Conflict Resolution and Effective Communication

Old Testament Intensive (30-hour course)
Church History Intensive (10-hour course)

Perks of the Program

YMI enrollment includes meals, lodging, books, and other resources at each retreat. Travel costs and event registrations are included each semester when the cohort attends ministry conferences. Up to 120 hours of coaching and consulting is provided, based on a strategic planning assessment at each church.